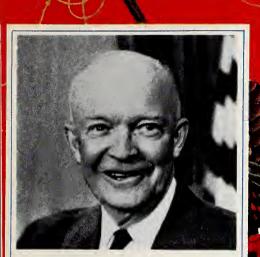
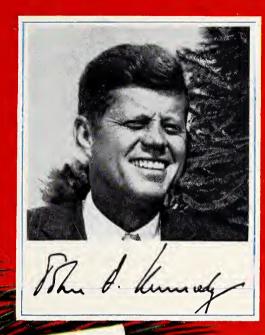
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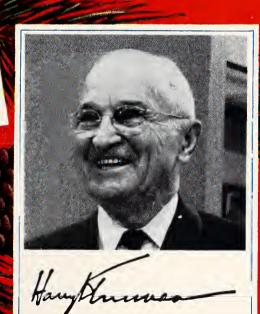
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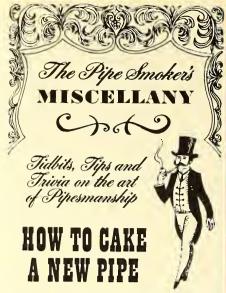


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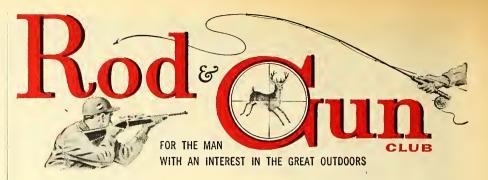


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THE REFERENCE TO BATS in the October issue brought an interesting suggestion from W. K. Blewett, of Park Rapids, Wis., who told how to keep the pests from taking up residence indoors. "After trying the hose and even tamping oakum into the roosting spaces without success," he said, "it finally dawned on me that bats have a very thin skin which should be sensitive to steel wool. Since packing strips of steel wool in the thin openings 1 am happy to say we haven't been annoyed with the pesky bats and their obnoxious residue."

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE, suggested by Joseph Paul Lopire in the October issue for removing oil and grease from gun actions, does not rate so highly in the opinion of Thomas T. Janney, of Buena Vista, Va. He maintains that it is "too efficient" as a solvent for use on metal "since it will remove the lubricant from the metal pores." Another objection he has to carbon tet is that it vaporizes so fast it cools the metal and this, he says, can cause condensation and subsequent rusting. He points out that he has seen actual signs of rusting within 30 minutes after cleaning with this chemical, and recommends the use of a light oil instead.



STARTING A FIRE is easy, even with snow on the ground, if you use miners' carbide, according to E. H. Wanamaker, of Missoula, Mont. This granular substance has been used for years for miners' lamps, but sportsmen can take advantage of its properties. When dry, it is stable, but when it is moistened it burns with a hot, bright flame. So—carry a container of it, and when you want a fire, spill some of it, moisten it, and you can get your twigs and wood burning in moments.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for the fisherman has been prepared by du Pont — its new Stren fluorescent monofilament spinning line packaged in a reusable transparent plastic box that may be used for the storage of flies. lures and hooks: "Stren"

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METHODS OF CALLING game have been studied by L. E. James, of Napa, Calif., and he concedes that you can get results of a sort by scratching on a hickory nut, rubbing an inflated balloon, etc. However, he says that if you want to be truly successful at calling game you should get a police whistle. "With a little practice and various manipulations with your lips, voice and tongue," he says, "it is surprising the different sounds you can produce. To mention a few — quail, chipmunk, squirrel, bluejay, owl, injured rabbit, etc."

YOU CAN KEEP from snagging your fingers on fish hooks if you try this idea submitted by Wilfred Beaver, of Chicago, Ill. Place a drop of non-waterproof glue on the point of the hook and around the barb. Then the hook can be handled safely and, when placed in the water, the protective covering will dissolve.

TO MAKE WEIGHTS for casting, Francis X. Peters, of Beckemeyer, Ill., suggests using aluminum measuring spoons as molds. These come in sets of different sizes and they can be bought for a quarter or less. Frank makes up large quantities of weights at a time and he recommends this as "a good winter pastime."

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TIME FOR UNITY

HE PRESIDENT HAS SPOKEN. In unmistakable terms President Kennedy has made it clear that the United States does not intend to have Cuba converted into a mammoth missile base threatening the nations of the Western Hemisphere and the lives of our people.

In this he has the wholehearted backing of The American Legion. A few hours after he spoke, National Commander James E. Powers wired the President commending him on "the strong and necessary action" he had taken and assuring him that "the full force and support of your almost three million fellow Legionnaires is at your command."

This sort of unity is going to be necessary in the days ahead, and it is fervently hoped that individuals and groups who have been dividing the nation by their actions will forego such activity, at least for the duration of the present crisis.

EXPERTS AND SUCH

T THE RECENT NATIONAL CONVENTION, reported at length in this issue, Gen. Lucius D. Clay paid tribute to our organization when he said that if the United States "had followed more closely the

views and recommendations of The American Legion with respect to foreign policy over the years, our position in the world would be stronger than it is.'

The significance of this remark is obvious to anyone who studies the forthright position taken by the Legion on many vital issues, particularly those dealing with communist encroachment. In many cases, the Legion position was jeered at by self-styled intellectuals now proved 100 percent wrong in their fatuous assumption that it is possible to do business with the communists.

Let it be understood that The American Legion does not set itself up as an expert body in the field of foreign policy. Its conclusions in this area merely result from the application of common sense to the available evidence, and they represent the views of men who have had some personal experience with war and are anxious to prevent another one if it is at all possible.

On the basis of the evidence, there has been little of this common-sense approach on the part of various "experts" who have had so much influence on this nation's foreign policy. In China we see the "agrarian reformers," who were assisted to power by one clique of American "experts," driving across the Indian border in a full-scale war. At home we have been threatened by Soviet nuclear missiles aimed directly at us, a deadly situation created in no small part by "experts" who worked and still work in our State Department, and by other "experts" who were in a position to peddle their dangerous pro-Castro propaganda in the columns of influential newspapers.

In view of what is ahead of us, this may not be the proper time for recrimination, but possibly a question or two is in order. Are these "experts" necessary? Indeed, should the country be obliged to suffer from the further ministrations of such people?



THE LAUGH WAS ON US when the merry Russian, Evgeni Prokhorov, in the rear of the car with teeth showing, had to be released by the FBI after he had been caught red-handed in espionage in a New York suburb. The Russky was a U.N. "diplomat" and therefore immune to arrest. His fellow bolsheviks also seem to enjoy the joke even if Americans such as yourself won't think it is very funny. Now with this background, you can write your own editorial about Russians and how they use the U.N.

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LOST: ONE WATCH

sir: In May 1919 I went to the ammunition depot with an order for a truck to move a YMCA outfit in France. I rode between the driver and the helper and when I went back to the office to report, my watch was gone. This watch was a 23-jewel Howard that I had used on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad before going in the army in 1917. If the person who found my watch is still living, will he please send it back to me?

Albert Groves

Box 403

Gassaway, W.Va.

TOPPER

sir: My hat is off to "Champ" Dimitroplis of Adams, Mass., whose letter in the September issue told that he had given 128 pints of blood. I have given 161 pints, the last one after I was 60 years old because it was urgently needed, and I am still giving blood for crippled and indigent children in Sicily when I am able. I am a member of Snug Harbor Post No. 26, in Davenport, Iowa.

BARBARA B. HARRISON Riposto Catania, Sicily

WANTS RAT STORY

sir: The August issue with two excellent articles, "Prisoners of War For Sale," by Maj. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, U.S. Army (Ret.), and "Key Targets of the Communists," by Hon. Gordon H. Scherer, M.C., is the kind of material that makes our great magazine interesting to all, war veteran and civilian. Now give us the complete story on that rat, the late Dr. Robert Soblen, who came into our nation as a refugee in 1941, when our sons were spilling their blood on foreign battlefields, and paid off our hospitality with treason.

Rolland S. Snow Minneapolis, Minn.

ON SCHOOLBOOKS

sir: Last year a number of parents here became increasingly alarmed by the great number of communist-front authors represented in our children's schoolbooks. Some of these authors have international reputations for great artistry; others seemed to us to be poor writers. One had belonged to 60 communist-fronts or ventures, according to the California Senate Investigation Committee on Education. Parents ought to read their children's schoolbooks more. An author who has chummed around with communist accommodators 60 or more times surely does not qualify as a person to guide or influence the unprotected mind of an adolescent child! Here in Sarasota, the Americanism Committee of the American Legion became interested in spreading American ideas, by means of Libertarian books given to the school and public libraries. They also sent a letter to the governor of our state complaining about communist-front authors of children's schoolbooks. Many of them busied themselves to



further the election to the school board of a person whose platform was based on Americanism and basic education. We are eternally grateful to Col. Harvey, Americanism chairman, in this fine effort, and hope others will do the same thing. Surely seeing that our children are exposed to the "other side of the question" by giving them patriotic, conservative and vigorously anti-communist books to read, is the most wonderful act of patriotism and love to our future soldiers and citizens, that can be done.

Mrs. Margaret Jefferson Sarasota, Fla.

TWO TEACHERS

sir: Congratulations on your "A Tale of Two Teachers" in *The American Legion Magazine* for September. It is indeed refreshing to read an article in the spirit of Max Gunther's. It was objectively done and gives overdue credit to intellectual prowess and the dedicated educational professional.

Dale E. Murphy Dallastown, Pa.

sir: I want to thank you and your editorial staff for including Columbus High School and my science work in "A Tale of Two Teachers" in the September issue of The American Legion Magazine, I assure you that I deem that an honor and a privilege, especially since I know that there are many, many other science teachers whose work can surpass my attempts.

SISTER M. LAURETIA, SSND Marshfield, Wis.

SUGGESTS A LAW

sir: This is in regard to Richard P. Finn's comprehensive article, "Do You Save With Trading Stamps?" in the October issue. It might have been titled, "The Public's Perpetual Delusion That It Can Get Something for Nothing." The author maintains that the redemption rate of stamps is estimated to range from 60 to 95 percent, that unredeemed stamps make money for the

issuing companies but everyone else loses and that stamps are regarded as enforced savings. That being the ease, I hereby propose that "There ought to be a law!" similar to the one in New York State regarding unclaimed savings accounts. All stamps unredeemed in ten years should revert to the State.

Pinlip Parker, D.D.S. Brooklyn 18, N.Y.

OMISSION

sir: We daily hear and read of the disrespect toward human dignity, moral and otherwise, not only of foreign lands, but also in our own backyard. As adults, as teachers, as parents, we do our utmost as individuals to impress upon our children a love of country and respect for law and order. We do our utmost, yet many's the time we do not succeed. It is then that the "professionals" step in, take over and exploit situations for political purposes. Just recently, we viewed on TV and read in the daily press of the grandiose opening of the Philharmonic at Lincoln Center in New York City. It was very impressive, attended by the First Lady of our Country, but a most important matter was overlooked. Our Country's Flag was nowhere to be seen, even with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner.

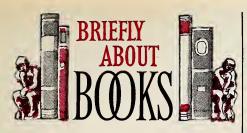
Sidney Sampson Bronx, N.Y.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM

sir: The recently established Soviet base in Cuba and the tragedy of Americans fighting Americans in Mississippi are making it obvious to the American people that our Nation stands in grave peril. It has also become obvious to them that this peril, both at home and abroad, stems from a lack of leadership over past years. We must face the fact that our leadership has always been selected by powerful "special interests" behindscenes at our presidential conventions. The American people have no opportunity to select their candidates. Harding was selected by powerful capitalists whose lack of foresight, and desire to hold in their own hands the reins of American finance and economy, brought upon the Nation the Great Depression of 1929. Since then, our leaders have been selected by those "special interests" who would destroy our capitalistic system and thus prepare us for a Soviet America. I wonder what some of your readers would think of the idea of a national referendum for American presidential elections, such as President de Gaulle has proposed for France. Perhaps a great enough demand for direct votes could bring about this change.

Mrs. Constantine Brown Rome, Italy

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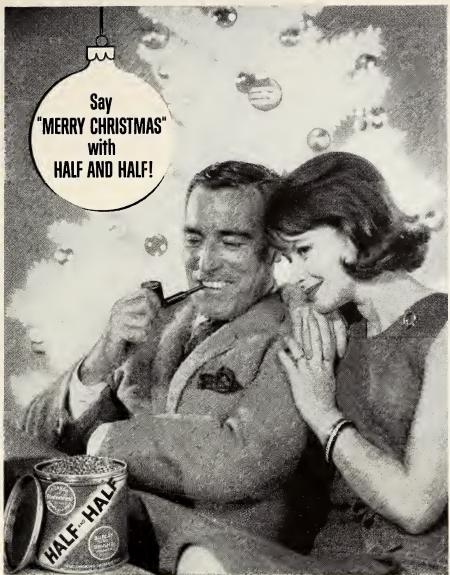
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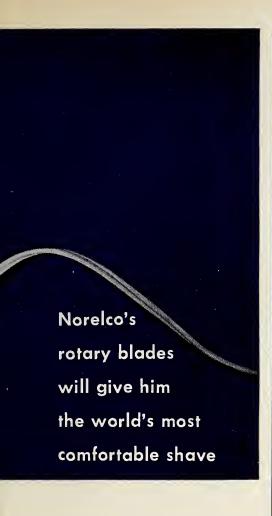
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INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP YOU WITH EVERYDAY PROBLEMS

In looking ahead to next year, make a quick mental note of these two financial factors:

• Your social security contributions will rise from 31/8% to 35/8% on January 1. If you are self-employed, the hike will be from 4.7% to 5.4%.

• Now that Uncle Sam is affixing a number (your social security number, if you have one) to your income tax records, it's going to be much easier for the revenuers to check the accuracy and completeness of your Federal tax returns electronically. Take care to report all interest and dividend receipts. These will be watched closely.

If you live in a snow zone, your hardware dealer is going to tantalize you with a variety of "snow-throwers" this year. Makers of this power equipment think it will catch on as rapidly as riding mowers did a few years back.

Prices of snow-throwers range from around \$100 to \$300 and over. About 50 models now are on the market (including one electric job). They'll clear widths from 15 to 28 in., powered by 1½ h.p. to 6 h.p. engines. The bigger machines are self-propelled, often have a reverse mechanism.

In picking a model, judge it by the type of snow that prevails in your area. Wet and heavy precipitation obviously needs a different thrower than light,

fluffy snow.

Also note that manufacturers of some riding-type tractors now make snow blades, priced in the \$25 to \$40 class.

Even tighter regulation of drugs is in the works since the uproar over thalidomide (the tranquilizer that apparently can cause deformities in babies). But that won't abolish quacks or fake medicine, say the American Medical Association and Better Business Bureaus. An endless parade of suckers keeps phony medicine alive.

If temptation leads you in the direction of dubious cures, say the experts, first ask yourself the following:

· Does the cure promise to work miraculously fast? If so, it could be a fraud.

• Is the promotion loaded with testimonials? This often is the tipoff on a fake.

· Does the remedy involve use of some mechanical gimmick or other trick gadget? Beware.

· Does the "doctor" pooh-pooh the medical profession as outdated, or greedy, or nasty to newcomers? He probably isn't a genuine doctor himself.

Be especially wary of "tonics" and Rube Goldberg-type electronic machinery. At best, they're useless; at worst, they can be dangerous.

Alongside the vogue for learning to read faster, there's a renewed interest in systems that teach you to write more clearly. Latest contribution is an "index to simple writing" by Rudolf Flesch, one of the pioneers in this area ("How to Be Brief." Harper & Row, \$2.95.)

To improve the clarity of your writing, teachers say, watch these key rules:

1) Keep the length of your sentences down.

2) Avoid fussy, ornate words. For example, don't say "interrogate" when "ask" will do the job.

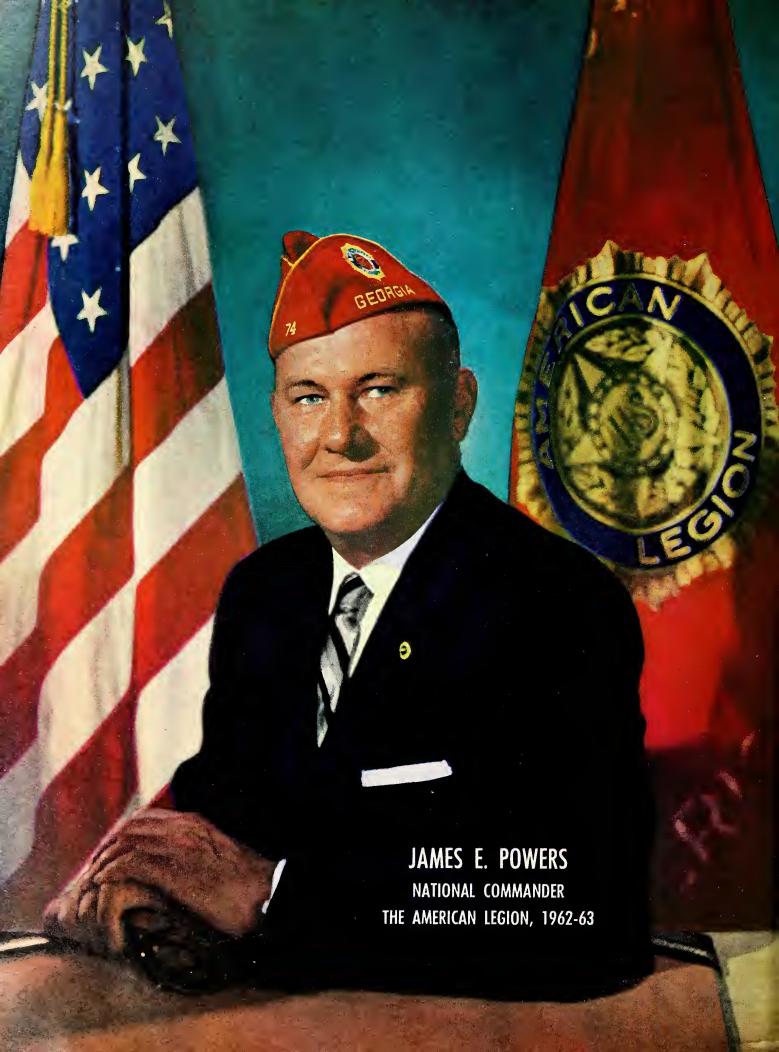
3) Get some warmth into your prose. Names and pronouns work better than cold, impersonal references.

If one of your leisure-time activities shows signs of evolving into a business or profit-making venture, get your lawyer to give you the proper tax angles. For instance, dog-breeding, part-time farming, writing, or inventing sometimes start out as a hobby and wind up as a business. This evolution can make a difference in your tax bill.

Broadly, the government will allow cost deductions if you can show that you are pursuing your activity with an eye to profit - not just personal fun.

If you are looking for mortgage money, this may be a good time to shop. Funds are plentiful, rates have steadied, and lenders are in a mood to take slightly bigger risks.

By Edgar A. Grunwald



The NATIONAL COMMANDER

OF THE

AMERICAN LEGION

1962-1963

Delegates to the 1962 National Convention named

James E. Powers, of Georgia, on the first ballot.

By R. B. PITKIN

HE 16-YEAR DEDICATION of a remarkably able man to the welfare of America's war veterans, and to The American Legion and its programs, was overwhelmingly recognized on October 11, 1962 when James Ellis Powers was named to the National Commandership of The American Legion for 1962-63.

Powers, a resident of Macon, Georgia. is a tall, husky, soft-spoken, blue-eyed descendant of a pioneer Southern family, The 52-year-old National Commander is a Pacific veteran of the U. S. Army's WW2 Transportation Corps, in which he was a junior officer in island supply, convoy and amphibious support missions from Eniwetok to Korea, A business administrator before WW2, he has been for 15 years the manager of the Macon Office of the Georgia State Veterans Service, a career which grew out of his being one of the first World War Two veterans to offer to be the volunteer Service Officer of his American Legion Post - Post 74 in Macon.

In a strongly contested election for National Commander on the concluding day of the 1962 National Convention of The American Legion at Las Vegas, Nevada, Powers ran ahead on the first ballot by approximately 2 to 1, to emerge as the choice of the 3,016 delegates.

He had a majority of the total vote after 37 of 59 delegations had been polled. The final count never became official, since on the motion of losing candidate Joe L. Matthews, of Texas, at the conclusion of the rollcall, the vote for Powers was made a unanimous one.

If there is such a thing as a man inevitably becoming National Commander of The American Legion, it was inevitable that James E. Powers should do so. All of his interests since he first joined The American Legion in 1946 have been devoted to giving superlative leadership to the aims and aspirations of The American Legion – locally, in his state, and nationally – and to the welfare of U. S. war veterans and their families. A man could be equally qualified to lead the American Legion, but not more qualified.

His friends in the Georgia American Legion, when asked how the decision was made to offer Powers for the national leadership, say that it was no man's idea and that it happened at no time.

The following "quotation" is a composite of the remarks of some 20 of Georgia's American Legion leaders when asked that question.

"It just happened naturally. We gave Jimmie Powers every job and every responsibility, and he carried them all out better than anyone else.

"The only way he could go was up. His achievements and his stature make him stick out like a sore thumb as a man needed by the Legion in its top job.

"He's been our natural leader in everything that is good and fine.

"He's been our representative on the Legion's National Executive Committee since 1954, and at the same time he

PHOTO BY BENN MITCHELL

has also been his Post Service Officer.

"He was our State Commander in 1951-52 and put us in the black after we'd run deficits.

"Everything he has done for the Legion in Georgia and on the national scene has made it bigger, better, more respected, and more worthwhile.

"When he became state Commander in 1951, our membership in Georgia had dropped in five years from 56,000 to 48,000. With the impetus he gave us we were soon up to 58,000.

"Ever since we first sent him to the National Executive Committee eight years ago, the national Legion has looked on him as one of *its* strong men for a bigger and better American Legion and a better America.

"He is a strong man. Strong for what is right. He fears no consequences for himself in doing what he believes right.

"His shoulders look broad, but are even broader than they look. He is a man everyone turns to as a leader, as an advisor, as a friend. He never seems to think of himself. He is a gentleman in speech and deed. His ruling attitudes are good humor, friendship and sincerity. Hate, spite and meanness are alien to him. He has been a hard taskmaster for us, but a harder one for himself, for he has called on all of us to work mightily for The American Legion but none of us will ever catch up with what he has done himself.

"He is for what is positive and against what is negative.

"For sixteen years he has shown us all these qualities in everything that he has ever said or done.

"He is wise in big decisions and a master of detail. He is as dependable and sturdy as Stone Mountain. He inspires loyalty and trust and will share any burden.

"Whatever good opinions we may have of ourselves, Jimmie Powers is just bigger than all of us.

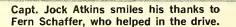
"We weren't looking for a man to put in the highest office of The American Legion. We had a man whose qualifications cried out for the job. It has been that way ever since his Post made him its Commander the second year he was a member, and was so impressed by the job he did that its members re-elected him twice more in succession."

In a world where it is a common observation that they seldom speak well of you until you are dead, these unreserved testimonials to the Legion's new national leader stand as a remarkable personal tribute. Other leaders in the State of Georgia have paid Powers the same compliments. Georgia's two U. S.

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A Merry Christmas for Our Own Indians







Gifts which packed the bus had to be transferred to the Post.



Long before party time the kids gathered around the building.

The Moral: You don't have to go thousands of miles to find people who need aid.

By MARY LOU WOLTER

APT. JOCK ATKINS, aircraft commander of a B-52 crew stationed at Glasgow AFB, Montana, threw down his newspaper, hopping mad. The story he had read, in the *Great Falls Tribune* of October 16, 1961, told about 125 Indian children who had been forced to leave school because they could not pay for their lunches. Indignant, the Captain talked the situation over with his wife, Mildred, and they decided to drive at once to the Reservation, 70 miles away, to see if they could help.

The children whose plight had so aroused Capt. Atkins were Sioux and Assiniboines, from the Fort Peck Reservation, and the Captain was not the only one who was disturbed by the account. School officials denied the charges, maintaining that they were merely following regulations covering federal aid for school lunches. However, numerous articles in Montana newspapers indicated that something was wrong somewhere, and to this day the is-

sue is still obscured and greatly confused.

In any case, on that first trip to Poplar, Montana, seat of the Fort Peck Indian agency and council, Capt. Atkins was unable to accomplish much. The Indian officials he had hoped to see were unavailable, but he did meet with some members of American Legion Post 55 who encouraged him to set up an appointment with the officials so that some decision could be reached on how best the children could be aided. Post 55, incidentally, is the largest Post in the District, with 130 members, and its District is the largest in Montana, with 18 Posts.

The feeling of the Legionnaires concerning the school lunch controversy, as reported by the press, was that the charges were true and in view of this they agreed to do everything possible to help Capt. Atkins help the kids.

Having arranged to meet with the Indian officials at a later date, Capt. Atkins returned to the base at Glasgow, where he concentrated his efforts on enlisting the help of his crew members.

First he met with the 326th squadron commander to obtain permission to spearhead a drive that would assist the Indian children. The commander, though new, was familiar with the many similar and worthwhile projects undertaken by the squadron and agreed that this too should be a squadron project. In fact, since it was already late fall, it was decided to make it the squadron's Christmas project.

Sparked by Capt. Atkins' enthusiasm, squadron members and base personnel were inflamed with a desire to help these people who live in unbelievable conditions midst the plenty of our great nation.

Capt. Atkins is a big man, who, with his high-bridged nose and cheekbones, could be taken as part Indian himself. His buddies have given him a nickname which could also be Indian — Big Brother. This name came about because of Jock Atkins' big-heartedness, understanding and sympathy.

Commanding a crew of six men and an \$8 million aircraft demands high re-



Legionnaire S. Claus brings a grin to a little Indian girl.

sponsibility. With training missions to be fulfilled, long airborne alerts to fly and regularly scheduled ground-alerts to pull, it was no simple task to squeeze in a major welfare project. Especially before Christmas, when every father is wanted at home.

But now Capt. Atkins had been told that among the Northern Plains tribes, living in eight states, 87 children under five years of age had died of starvation, and 175 Indians of all ages had frozen to death during the preceding winter. On learning that these figures change only slightly from year to year, he would not be stopped.

The appointment Capt. Atkins had made while in Poplar was with agents, tribal councilmen, school officials, welfare people and the Legion Post. On the day of the appointment he was to be relieved from alert duty at 4 p.m., giving him time to change, have dinner and keep his date, but due to emergencies it was 7 p.m. before he got off duty.

"By 9:30 p.m., Mildred and I had traveled the 70 miles in 20-degree-below-

M / Sgt. Robert Kirkaldie, raised on another reservation, fitted the small children with clothes.

zero weather," he said. "We were late and the agency representatives, councilmen, and welfare workers had not stayed around, even though I had phoned them of our delay." Probably because - as expressed by Legionnaire Dana Mc-Gowan - no one believed that Atkins or anyone else would undertake a program of such generous magnitude without ex-

pecting something in return for these efforts.

However, Post 55 Commander Jim Danielson was there. So were Allen Saboe, Dana Mc-Gowan, elementary school principal Bill Roberts, and other interested Post members. They offered all the help and advice possible.

As its contribution, Post 55 made plans to treat the Indian children to a thousand bags of candy and a talk with Santa, and the Legion building was suggested as a distributing center.

The cooperation of churches, schools, the Public Health, and Indian Welfare Offices was enlisted. A day was set, needs enumerated and precautions taken to prevent misappropriation of goods meant for hungry, cold children and families.

With all this planning to be taken care of, it was 2 a.m. before the Atkins' left to begin their 70-mile homeward drive.

Getting publicity to help increase the size of collections was the next step to be undertaken. In most cases this was handled personally by Capt. Atkins. Then a conveyance had to be procured with which to make the pickups. When a big, blue Air Force bus had been secured, Atkins and crew members felt that they were well on their way toward the successful execution of their Christmas project. Those working on the project visited the quarters of squadron people and others who had expressed a desire to help, and collected donations of clothing, toys, food and anything and everything else that could be utilized.

The Atkins' home became a shambles as people came and went, bringing more things, stopping in to help separate the canned goods from shoes, the toys from clothing.

Finally the day for the distribution of all donated items arrived.

The bus, jammed to the roof with goods and people, took off. More donations were picked up along the way to Poplar and one can only guess at the amount that filled the bus when it arrived at its destination. Capt. Atkins added to his collection 400 bags of candy left over from the base children's party, 200 stuffed stockings, and 200

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Planning the festivities: Dana McGowan, Jim Danielson, Jock Atkins and Allen Saboe, who appear from left to right.

WASHINGTON PRO&CON



THIS MONTH'S BIG ISSUE:

Does The Industrial Security Bill

PRO

Rep. John V. Lindsay (R-N.Y.)
17th District

THE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY BILL, considered by the past Congress, does not achieve fair reconciliation between rights of

the individual and security of the nation.

The bill places the central government in a position where it can come between a man and his private employment arbitrarily and without the usual standards of due process.

Few Americans question the necessity for an effective Industrial Security Program to enable the nation to safeguard classified information in the execution of vital defense projects.

But the Industrial Security Bill gives the government the right to determine who shall be hired and fired in many parts of the private arena. It can affect the livelihood of upwards of five million Americans. If such power is necessary, it should be surrounded by adequate constitutional safeguards so that the government cannot act in an arbitrary, political or oppressive manner.

Unfortunately, adequate constitutional safeguards are not present in the bill. The history of the program clearly indicates that when an individual is deprived of his right to information necessary to his work, he is more often than not deprived of his livelihood and of the right to follow his chosen profession.

Definitions of important terms such as "clearly con-

sistent with the national interest" and "classified information" are not carefully spelled out. In times of national stress, it is of paramount importance that adequate guidelines are established so that individuals will be fully protected against the capricious actions of frightened bureaucrats.

Under the provisions of the bill, an informant need not be identified or cross-examined for reasons deemed by the Secretary of Defense to be good and sufficient. It is essential to point out that confrontation and cross-examination are not only techniques of procedure to safeguard constitutional rights and to avoid instances of mistaken identity or personal vendetta, but they are methods of seeking truth, and only in circumstances of direst necessity should they be abandoned. The Supreme Court made this absolutely clear in the case of *Greene vs. McElroy*.

Let us assume that after an exhaustive examination an individual is once again found eligible for access to classified information. Yet, under the provisions of the bill, there is no guarantee that if he is found reeligible, he will be reimbursed for the loss of earnings and for costs of the long reinstatement process.

Of greater importance, the bill provides no judicial review procedure.

When we are confronted with the clashing interests of individual freedom and national security, we should be no less zealous in protecting individual rights and constitutional safeguards than we are in protecting the integrity of properly classified information. Both are necessary for the welfare of the country.

John V. Lindsay

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this big issue, tear out the "ballot" on the facing page and mail it to him———————

THE BIG ISSUES

Violate Individual Rights?

CON

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.)
15th District

T DOES NOT. The bill concerns the defense secrets of the United States. No private citizen has a right to those secrets.



It therefore cannot be said that "individual rights" are violated when certain workers or researchers are denied access to them.

Our survival demands that highly secret information be given private industry so that essential defense weapons are produced. Opponents of the bill actually contend that the U.S. has no right to keep these secrets from a known espionage agent unless it gives him (and thus the country he spies for) the name of the U.S. counterspy who discovered he is a traitor. They insist on this even if it means death for the counterspy, who may be in a foreign country. They say, in effect, that a traitor's right to this country's secrets is greater than a loyal citizen's right to life — or the right of 185 million people to protect themselves from espionage agents.

This is preposterous! It has no foundation in the Constitution nor in any other declaration of individual rights.

What does the industrial security bill do?

It simply gives legislative force to the industrial security program of many years' standing, initiated by President Truman, reaffirmed by President Eisenhower, continued by President Kennedy.

It guarantees due process by declaring that before the Secretary of Defense denies U.S. secrets to an industrial worker, or university or foundation researcher, he must present written charges and hold a hearing at which the worker or researcher, represented by counsel, can confront and cross-examine his accuser, examine documents, etc.

It permits only two limitations on this procedure:

1. No hearing will be held if the Secretary of Defense (he cannot delegate this authority) determines that it would be inconsistent with national security.

2. In hearings, classified documents cannot be examined — and confrontation and cross-examination will not be permitted if the Secretary of Defense finds "good and sufficient" reason, or if the head of the department supplying the informant determines that he cannot be identified without "substantial harm to the national interests." Even in such cases, however, there must be furnished a summary of evidence as comprehensive and detailed as national security permits.

No reasonable interpretation of individual rights can place a government in the intolerable dilemma of either making its secrets known to its enemies or not having essential defense weapons produced. Individual rights do not constitute a national suicide pact.

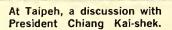
Those who say this bill violates individual rights say, in effect, that Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy are violators of individual rights, as are the Department of Justice, Department of Defense and Department of Labor — all of which have endorsed the bill. How many Americans, private citizens or Congressmen, can be expected to accept such a claim?

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I have read in The American Legion Magazine for December the arguments in PRO & CON on the subject: "Does The Industrial Security Bill Violate Individual Rights?"

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With Jules Romains, of L'Academie Francaise, at a Paris meeting.



Getting a closeup look at the Island's defenses.

By EUGENE LYONS

NCENSED BY AN ANTI-COMMUNIST book that was making a sensation in France, the Moscow paper Soviet Russia struck out at its author. "Is Suzanne Labin," it asked with heavyhanded irony, "an old maid wearing glasses, sour on the whole world, or a young girl who couldn't pass her school exams?

Whether posed in ignorance or in malice, the question could hardly have been more grotesquely mistaken, and the Paris publishers exploited Moscow's blunder. In issuing a new edition of the book, "Liberté aux Liberticides" (Freedom for the Murderers of Freedom), they inserted a leaflet to set the comrades straight.

"Since the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR is inquiring about the author," it said, "we are pleased to comply." A picture of Suzanne Labin attested that she was strikingly good-looking; a succinct biography attested that she was a seasoned scholar, held a string of academic degrees, and was happily married. This was in 1957. Since then, we may be sure, Soviet intelligence has caught up with the lady. The communist press denounces her as the very embodiment of anti-communist fury, but it no longer raises doubts about her looks or education.

In the intervening years, Suzanne Labin has emerged as the most dynamic, ubiquitous and effective opponent of communism in the free world. She is today as well known and as highly esteemed among dedicated anti-communists in Asia, Latin America and the United States as she is in her native France and Europe. The shelf-ful of her books, pamphlets and articles adds up to a hard-headed course on the theory and practice of political warfare. She accepts repeated threats of death that

reach her by mail and by phone, as accolades from the enemy. The same applies to an attempt to kidnap her in New Delhi, when she escaped from a car that was taking her to the Soviet Embassy.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd has called Suzanne "the Joan of Arc of freedom against communism," and he is not the only one. Because she is a Frenchwoman, petite, and a magnificent crusader, it was inevitable that she should be compared to the Maid of Orleans. The late Forrest Davis wrote, in addition, that she is "the most luminous and eloquent voice of the West against the terrible menace it faces." Edmond Michelet, a former Minister of Justice, spoke of her as "our magnificent, unique Suzanne Labin."

Certainly, political dynamite has rarely come in a smaller or more attractive package. A natural blonde with flashing eyes and a radiant smile, she ekes out five feet of height on high heels.

In addressing large audiences around the world, she often has to stand on a box to get her head above the lectern. Somehow, the contrast between her feminine charm and her robust logic adds dimensions to the total impression. Whether in French, English or Spanish, her eloquence is seasoned with Gallic wit.

Both her zeal and her energy seem inexhaustible. Consider her visit to the United States this summer:

She had traveled halfway around the globe, from her home in Paris to Seoul, Korea, to take part in an Extraordinary Congress of the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League. The delegates and observers from some 30 countries re-



garded this tiny Westerner - the chief European correspondent of the League's official organ - as one of their very own. The principal achievement of the Congress was the adoption of Suzanne Labin's plan to create a permanent Freedom Center in Seoul - an Asian equivalent of the Freedom Academy project now bottled up in congressional committces in Washington.

The Freedom Center, which has the official support of the Korean and South Vietnam governments, will "initiate and develop an integrated, operational science to educate and train anti-communist leaders and cadres superior to communist cold war professionals, and to





Because of the red drive in southeast Asia, Mme. Labin has worked intensively there. Five cabinet members attended this meeting.

400 delegates from over the world met at Rome.

SUZANNE LABIN...

"JOAN OF ARC OF FREEDOM"

Communists the world over have reason to hate this little French lady for her work against them.

develop a specific program designed to unmask and frustrate the false propaganda of the communists and to propagate the gospels of freedom." The wording clearly bears the imprint of Mme. Labin's mind and style.

With this accomplished, she felt that there was work to do in America in connection with the mounting red threats in Southeast Asia. Therefore, instead of returning home directly, she went on to the United States. Her itinerary here included Los Angeles, San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Into about five weeks, she managed to pack 26 lectures (all but a few gratis), a dozen press conferences, 18 radio and television appearances, and uncounted consultations with individual anti-communists and political leaders.

She wound up the tour by addressing two luncheons in Washington - one tendered by Senator Dodd and attended by 25 Senators, the other by Congressman Walter H. Judd, attended by 37 Representatives. Reluctantly, she declined other American invitations because she had to rush to Paris to supervise the filming of her documentary - In Berlin, Freedom Is At Stake - in time for the anniversary of the Berlin Wall, and to prepare for a scheduled lecture tour in South America soon thereafter.

In New York, where we shared the platform at an anti-communist seminar at the Commodore Hotel, Suzanne Labin explained the main purpose of her American trip to me. She was thoroughly alarmed by the intensive propaganda under way in the free world, and especially in the United States, against the government of Ngo Dinh Diem in South

"I wanted to warn anti-communists in your country," she explained, "and as much of the public as I could reach, that

the anti-Diem campaign is communist inspired. It aims to discourage and if possible put an end to American support of the Saigon government in its life-anddeath struggle against the red guerrilla offensive."

This, indeed, was the message running through all her private and public talks while she was in our country. She recalled how similar propaganda against Chiang Kai-shek, in which the Mao Tsetung forces were pictured as just "agrarian reformers," helped bring about the fall of China. Always, she emphasized, when the communists concentrate on conquering some country, the incumbent anti-communist regime becomes the target of systematic attack in the free world. Now, she said, it was President Diem's turn.

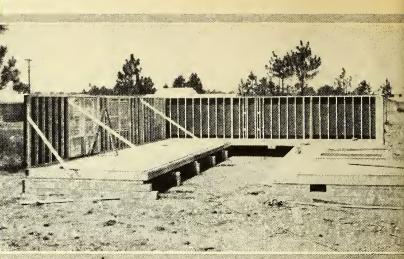
In South Vietnam, the United States had decided to back the Saigon government against the communist invasion. "This was too much for the numerous species of auxiliaries and dupes of the Kremlin," she wrote in the Washington World. "A case of true resistance to communism cannot be tolerated. Therefore, an immense campaign was launched through the powerful press of capitulation to decry and kill our ally of Saigon." Point by point, she then refuted the lies and half-truths about the Diem regime being spread by the red propaganda apparatus - in print, on the air, through knowing allies and eager dupes.

In the last few years, Mme. Labin has made several extensive trips through South Vietnam, questioning its people, addressing meetings in towns and villages, checking anti-Diem allegations on the spot. Though the government has its faults - to expect Western-style democracy in Southeast Asia would be naivé, she says-it has improved the lot of the people and was making exciting progress in agrarian reform until communist terror slowed up the process.

The guerrilla offensive is not a popular revolt, as a portion of the Western (Continued on page 50)



On this assembly line, small houses are mass-produced like cars.



A prefabricated house is set up ready to receive its vital mobile core.

What's Ahead in Housing

Assembly lines are cutting building costs, and push buttons are making houses more efficient.

By WALTER HOLBROOK

ow THAT ASSEMBLY-LINE production has entered the home-building field, today's houses can be likened to high-fidelity sets and ships. As in high-fidelity sets, parts or components of the house, if not the whole house, are assembly-line products, prefabricated far from the point of use. Indeed, the prefab industry expects that half of all new houses will be fully prefabricated by 1975.

Houses are also becoming more like ships, for, as they grow more mechanical they can be run from a central point or points, similar to a ship's engine room and bridge. In fact, in the modern home much of the household management can be handled automatically by employing devices such as a time clock, electric eye, and electronic leaf.

Several complete lines of fully prefabricated houses have been available since the 30's, both in traditional and modern design; and about 1 percent of all houses erected between 1935 and 1940 were assembly-line produced. But it has been in the last decade that the industry has really come of age. The number of designs now available is in the thousands, and many, if not most, are of better quality than most houses built on the site from scratch. As a result, home manufacturers produced 16.5 percent of all single family non-farm units sold in this country in 1961, and expect to sell 19 to 20 percent of all those sold this year.

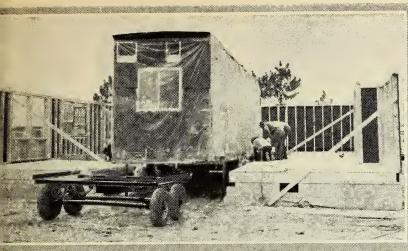
Most of these house factories are in the Middle West, and, as might be expected, more sales are made there, especially in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. Demand is rising rapidly in the South, however, and steadily in both the East and West, as manufacturers develop national organizations of builder-dealers.

Currently, most prefabricated houses are made of wood and look like conventional houses; but now that the industry is becoming big business, steel, aluminum, and plastic fabricators are entering the competition. Steel homes that are fireproof, indigestible to ter-

mites, highly corrosion-resistant and which, with a coat of paint, don't look metallic, are available. One company is now building a factory to make \$12,000 three-bedroom houses featuring aluminum and glass walls. This summer, houses made with wall cores of a new plastic called Dylite were introduced. This new plastic not only provides superior insulation, but eliminates the need for wooden or other framework.

Practically all prefabricated houses can be closed in on the site in one day. This makes their erection largely a year 'round business in most places, and is one of the largest items in reducing costs.

High plumbing installation costs have remained the largest stumbling block to lower priced homes, but Kingsberry Homes has developed a mobile plumbing and heating core which may lick it. The package comes with all the necessary fixtures in place, and can be mounted on a wheeled frame to be towed to the site, wheeled through an opening left in the foundation wall, and lowered by jacks. The house can then be built around this central core.





The core is raised from its dolly and lowered into position on the foundation.

The Kingsberry core consists of kitchen and two bathrooms.

Kingsberry thinks this may cut construction costs 20 percent. In their search for ways to mass-produce houses and thereby cut costs, the prefabers are even experimenting with ways to factory-produce entire sewage systems for use on building sites beyond sewer lines.

Whether they ever entirely achieve

this or not, the prefabers are determined to factory-produce more and more of every house. They contend it is the only way to reduce the astronomical cost of homebuilding. In 1961, more than half of all houses sold in this country were prefabricated in whole or in part – 16.5 in whole and another 35

percent in part.

Prefabricated "sandwich" wall panels are now available which are fully insulated and also come with pull wires for installing the electrical system. Stressedskin exterior and interior walls are the bread of the sandwich, while the sandwich filling consists of batts of mineral wool or other insulating material, foil

vapor barriers, building paper, and usually wooden, but in some cases steel or aluminum, framing. Most can be sawed to odd sizes, but they come in several standard sizes.

Most of these panels need battens or some other covering for the joints, and a paint job — or brick veneer, shingles, clapboard, or stucco added on the outside; and paint, wallpaper, or plaster on the inside. A few are available with both exterior and interior finishes already applied.

Similar factory-made floor and ceiling sandwiches are on the market. Some of the floors, especially for bathrooms and kitchens, come with pipes already in place for water and waste. The pipe joints are welded together, and are as strong as the pipes. Similarly, joints in walls, floors, and ceilings are sealed with epoxy glue as strong as they are.

Floors are available, too, with wall-to-wall carpet-

ing already applied, the thickness of the pile making sewing of the carpet edges unnecessary. Factory-built luminous ceilings may be had, especially for kitchens and bathrooms, and both floors and ceilings may be ordered with radiant heating units already installed.

While the use of a complete factorybuilt plumbing core or system is one of the aims of the prefabers, packaged bathroom and kitchen units are already available, although plumbing "codes" in many cases defeat or make difficult their use. Examples of the items available are preassembled drainage trees and toilets already fastened to sections of flooring.

Aerobic sewage treatment packages are also available for use beyond the sewer lines. These use a sewage grinder, (Continued on page 47)

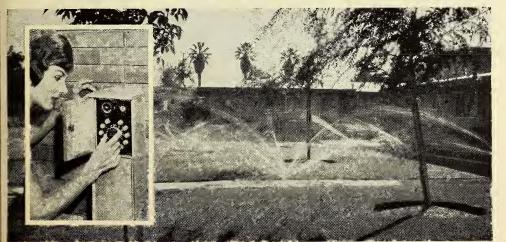
PUSH-BUTTON COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE



Your telephone company can now provide intercom service complete with units that let homeowners talk to people who come to call.



This Minneapolis-Honeywell panel controls heat and air conditioning, and also tells at a glance humidity, temperature, barometric pressure.



Indoor control of an outdoor watering system is provided by Toro's Moist O'Matic. The unit tells when lawn needs water, and automatically puts water exactly where it's needed.

By EUGENE F. STUCKEY

N ATMOSPHERE OF HASTE and nervous strain hung over the field of the 50th Aero Squadron, on the morning of October 6, 1918. Sixteen De Havilland-4's were lined up on the tarmac, as sweating ground crewmen worked over the planes' temperamental motors. As they worked they could hear the constant rumble of distant artillery, and the ground tremored lightly under their feet. Not far away, in the Argonne Forest, German and Allied armies were locked in deathly combat. And somewhere in that forest an American outfit was in bad trouble. Uncle Sam's 50th Acro Squadron was going to help them, or bust a gusset trying.

In the little shack they called the ready room, the squadron leader was briefing his aviators. Standing by a wall map, he tapped it with a pointer.

"The message brought out by Major Whittlesey's carrier pigeon gave this point as their location, but his coordinates must be wrong. Our observation flight yesterday failed to find our men. There is a deep brushy ravine nearby; they're probably holed up there."

His eyes ran over the young officers, and he slapped the pointer into his palm for emphasis. "You've got a hit-or-miss proposition, and a risky one, but those soldiers are in a critical situation. They've got to have help, so do the best you can,

"The Germans were alerted by the flight yesterday, so you can expect plenty of ground fire. Try to locate the unit from high altitude, then fly in low for the drop. Pickrell, you and George take the first flight, since you're our most experienced team. We'll wait for your report, then make continuous flights. That's all, take off immediately."

Pulling on their equipment, the two airmen walked out to the tarmac. Lieutenant George, the observer, cocked an eye at his pilot. "Wow!" he said. "Just listen to those guns!"

"Yes, but they're not the ones that'll be aiming at us right quick," Pickrell said. "Right now, it's this blasted misty weather that bothers me."

He signalled to a crew chief, and soon the engine of his De Havilland was roaring asthmatically. The aviators crawled into their small open cockpits, and groundmen loaded bundles into the rear one until George could hardly move. Pickrell taxied out, turned into the wind and shoved his throttle forward. The D. H.-4 lifted into the air and went banging away above the groundmist.

Arriving over the coordinate, Pickrell and George peered intently below. The mist was lighter here, but the terrain appeared empty. Then George spotted the ravine, and Pickrell swung over at 3,000 feet for a look. Winking flashes came from the hilltops overlook-



History was made in 1918 when the 50th Aero Squadron brought supplies to a famous unit.

ing the ravine, and Pickrell knew this was the place. Those were Heinie machineguns throwing lead, and one of the bullcts might have his name on it.

"Damn-it," he mumbled through dry lips, "why haven't those guys put out panels?" But he knew why. When you're pinned down, you just don't walk into an open space to set airplane markers. Not unless you want to be a dead hero. Those enemy tracers told Pickrell what the Americans below were up against — pinned into a cul-de-sac with Germans on the heights looking down their throats.

Pickrell swung the De Havilland wide, studying the problem. The ravine lay east and west, this had to be the line of approach. And to drop with any accuracy, they had to descend below a thousand feet. This would bring them almost to the level of the hilltops, nearly in pointblank range of the enemy guns.

He nodded to George, then put the D. H. into a shallow dive at top speed. The ground came up swiftly, and so did a lot of German bullets. Pickrell kicked his rudder, weaving to throw off the gunners' aim. Then they were into the ravine, and Lieutenant George began tossing bundles out. In scant seconds they were through. The D. H. banked up and away, heading for home.

The 50th Aero group began shuttle missions to the ravine, flying into steadily increasing ground fire. Realizing that a determined supply effort was being made, the Gcrmans hurried all available guns to the hills. The little valley echoed with furious sound from the staccato popping of machineguns and Mausers, and the roar of De Havilland engines.

Desperate action like this was new to the 50th. Normally, they flew reconnaissance and photographic missions, dropping propaganda over enemy lines, or messages to Allied units. They had experienced some high altitude anti-aircraft fire, and occasional attack by Fokker fighters. More prosaic perils included dangling balloon cables, the pesky groundmist, and engine failure from

ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE WILSON

fouled spark plugs. But this was the first time that aviators had been required to fly so low into a concentration of enemy fire.

Now they did it and, for awhile, all went well. Unsure of the exact location of the besieged American troops, the 50th did "do their best." Ammunition, food, medical supplies, chocolate and cigarettes were dropped. One plane carried two crates of carrier pigeons. Getting the caged birds down safely was a puzzle, until a crewman had a brainstorm. He removed some small parachutes from night flares and fastened them to the crates. The scheme worked well and would be remembered. In all, 1,000 pounds of military supplies were dropped in the forward area.

Then a D. H. failed to return, Lieutenants Phillips and Brown were missing. Lieutenant Graham brought his plane back, laced with bullet holes. He jumped out, shouting for the medics. His observer, Lieutenant McCurdy, had been shot in the neck. "No, he hadn't seen the missing D. H."

Tracy Bird's plane, with Lieutenant Bolt as observer, was the next overdue. The day was wearing on, and wearing heavily on the aviators. But there were enough supplies for another drop.

The De Havilland for this last trip squatted on the field. It was painted white, and on the wings were red, white and blue circles, with the same colors in stripes on the rudder. The portrait of an irate Dutch housewife brandishing a rolling pin was painted on the fuselage. This was the plane of Lts. Edwin Bleckley and Harold Goettler. They took off and made a daring low pass into the ravine. Goettler was going so fast, though, that Bleckley was unable to drop all the bundles. He signalled the pilot, and in went the D. H. on another run. Bleckley made the drop, but then something went wrong. Probably Lieutenant Goettler was killed at the controls. The plane went into a crazy dive and smashed to earth somewhere outside the vision of the soldiers below.



The planes had to descend to hilltop level, nearly in pointblank range of the enemy guns.

Back at 50th headquarters, welcome news came in. Brown and Phillips were back inside Allied lines, uninjured. They had been shot down in enemy territory. Then Tracy Bird and Bolt returned with a similar story.

That evening, the squadron's official historian sat down and made this terse entry in his ledger: "Day ended with 14 pilots, 15 observers, and six planes available after 181/2 hours service flying, with three casualties."

This was not the end of the story.

That cut-off unit of Americans just happened to be the famous "Lost Battalion." The unit was finally rescued after days of savage fighting, the few survivors reeling with fatigue and battle-shock.

It was learned, then, that few of the dropped supplies fell inside the Battalion's perimeter. But this did not detract from the great effort of the 50th flyers.

The battered 50th gradually pulled itself together again, without fanfare or publicity. Although its achievement passed unnoticed, it was still the most significant. For, however heroic they are, army units under siege are common in history. But here was something new. For the first time in all history, a cut-off unit had received military help from the air. The 50th had carried out the world's first aerial re-supply drop!

Lieutenants Goettler and Bleckley were awarded posthumous Medals of Honor, and the 50th Aero Squadron felt that their group effort had been amply recognized. The Wild Blue Yonder was on its way! THE END

By LESTER DAVID

Science has scored a knockout over the greatest adult dental health problem in America today.

This is important news. Ever hear of periodontal disease? It's a disorder of the gums and surrounding tissues that robs more grownups of more teeth than all the other dental ailments put together. Before the age of 35, decay is the No. 1 villain — afterward, periodontal trouble causes fully 80 percent of all tooth loss.

Until recently, a dentist's diagnosis of

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If you happen to be over 35 years of age this article will be of special interest to you.

the disease amounted to a sentence of death for many, and frequently all, of a victim's choppers. But no longer. Listen to the heartening statement of Dr. Paul N. Baer of the National Institute of Dental Research, the official United States agency devoted to the study of dental health problems:

"Periodontal disease can be cured. This is an established fact."

But tragically, there are vast numbers of persons who do not know it, who have only vague notions of the disease's perils, who are even unaware of the very existence of the disease! These people are falling victim and suffering. Why? Because, while periodontal disease can be cured, like most other ailments that plague mankind, four key words must be added—if treated in time!

In Washington, for example, this reporter spoke to a government official who is now being fitted with false teeth. He was warned several years earlier that periodontal disease had begun. But he felt no pain or even discomfort, and he was too busy to take the time for treatments. At 43, he lost all the teeth he had.

That's the way with the disease. Its damage is silent, creeping. Mainly because of the disease's insidious aspect, the havoc it causes in human mouths is literally staggering. Know the harsh facts:

More than 22,000,000 persons of all ages in this country are now walking around with periodontal disease that should be treated before it has passed the point of no return.

In this group are one in every two adults 45 years of age and older. However, great numbers of younger people are also afflicted. Investigators learned with astonishment that 28.1 percent of 2,160 Massachusetts school children from five to 17 years of age already had the first stages!

Among the general population, one



Don't brush your teeth "blind." If you wear glasses, use them.



An apple a day will give your teeth some exercise they need.

person in six-regardless of age-needs immediate treatment or extraction, or both.

All this and still the ailment has paradoxically managed to remain one of the best-kept secrets in all dentistry.

The Dental Information Bureau, voice of the New York State dental societies, reports: "Researchers have found in na-

tionwide studies that most people are woefuly ignorant about the disease, its nature and extent." At the American Dental Association's annual meeting in Los Angeles recently, Capt. Samuel Goldhaber of the Navy Dental Corps also expressed amazement at the "little or nothing" known by most patients about the menace.

Why the information fog? The main

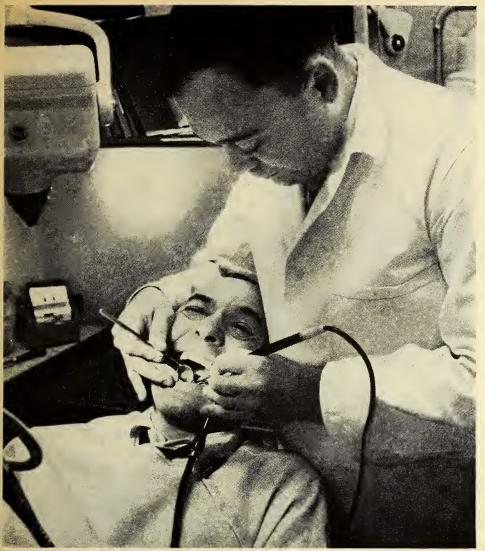


A balanced diet is essential to keep your teeth in good shape.

reason, points out the DIB, is that up to now America's major preoccupation has been with the problem of tooth decay. "The spotlight," states the bureau, "has been trained upon this admittedly vital area, especially where children are concerned. As a result, periodontal disease has been kept in the shadowy background."

It has remained there because the ailment, in its early (and treatable) stages, rarely strikes as spectacularly as a tooth-

PHOTOS BY BENN MITCHELL



Knowing more about periodontal disease, dentists can now do more to cure it.

ache caused by decay. You never get those stabs of pain that wake you in the middle of the night and make you want to climb the walls. Consequently, the alarm bells don't ring. As Capt. Goldhaber said at the ADA meeting, "If periodontal disease were usually acute instead of chronic, its position of importance in the public and professional mind would be totally different.'

What, exactly, is this affliction?

The name itself means "around the tooth." Your teeth, despite popular notion, are not locked in your jaw. They rest in a springy hammock of gums and bone. When this support becomes diseased and gives way, the teeth become loosened and may even fall out.

The parts that can become affected are: (1) the gingiva, or gums, themselves; (2) the periodontal fibers, which are the tissues that keep the teeth attached to the jaws; (3) the jawbones, in which the teeth are sunk, and (4) the cementum, a bonelike substance that surrounds and encases the roots.

The disease develops in two stages. At

first the gums swell. They become irritated and bleed easily when bruised or even brushed. Often, just chewing food can cause them to bleed. In this stage, dentists call the disorder gingivitis.

Left untreated or uncontrolled, the inflammation can spread along the roots

and develop into periodontitis, which is popularly known as pyorrhea. Now the gums begin to stand away from the teeth. Pockets are formed at the gum line that provide a safe haven for bacteria. As the infection progresses, the fibers that hold the teeth in their sockets are weakened and the jawbone itself becomes spongy with disease. Finally the root detaches and the teeth loosen.

What starts all this? There are a number of reasons....

The cause may be food particles. Tiny fragments can become wedged between the teeth and against the gums. If these are not removed by careful and correct brushing, they accumulate and cause irritation at the point where the gums meet the teeth. Irritation is a prelude to inflammation. In addition, the food particles decompose and the bacteria which is formed makes the inflammation worse.

The cause may be tartar. This is a hard, crust-like material deposited on the surface of the teeth where the gum meets the crown. Tartar, or calculus, formed mainly of saliva and other mouth secretions, clings readily to rough surfaces. It is soft and gelatinous for a time, but within even a few hours it hardens into a stone-like mass and cannot be brushed away. A dentist must remove it with special instruments. The calculus, once hardened, begins to pile up along the neck of the teeth at the gum margin. Like a sliver in a finger, it sets up a local irritation, leading to inflammation.

The cause may be improper "bite." Teeth should mesh properly when you chew. If they do not, the chances of food and bacteria accumulating at the gum line are markedly increased. Further, the shock and uneven pressures of these poor tooth contacts can damage the delicate gum tissues. Still further, just as a paralyzed leg withers from lack of use, so does a tooth and its supporting structure degenerate from lack of the func-

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Nerves can cause severe damage to teeth and gum tissue. Here are two manifestations of nervous conditions: the grinding of teeth in sleep and the chewing of a pencil.

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A capsule course in personal

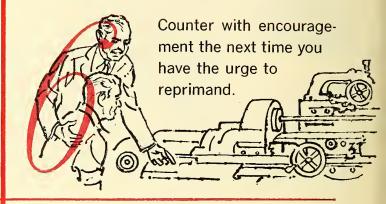


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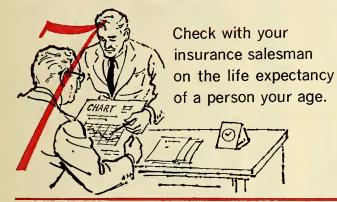
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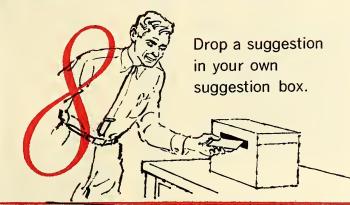




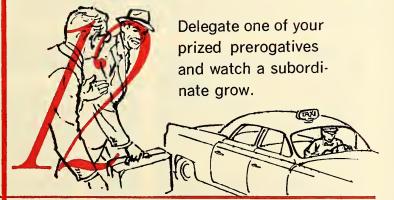
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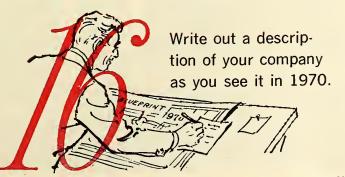








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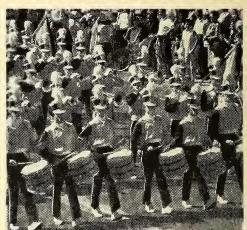




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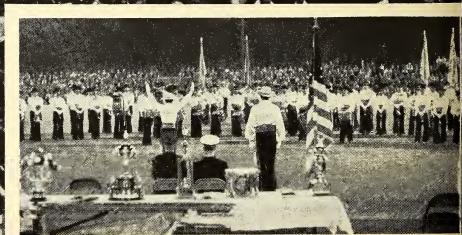


Traditionally, Monday was Parade Day.



Legionnaire Harry Truman and Legionnaire Jimmy Powers.

The welcome sign was out.



Matching Las Vegas' big shows were such spectacles as the Parade of Champions.

NEWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

44TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AT LAS VEGAS, NEV.,

OCTOBER 5-11, 1962



THE 44TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF The American Legion — and its attendant business and events, took place at Las Vegas, Nevada, from Friday, Oct. 5 to Thursday, Oct. 11, 1962.

The convention's 3,016 accredited delegates among 59 delegations considered and adopted resolutions on many different matters, heard from numerous distinguished speakers, and on the closing day elected James E. Powers, of Georgia, to serve as National Commander until the 1963 Nat'l Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana next year, Sept. 6 to 12.

Eleven days before the President declared the blockade of Cuba against Soviet arms, the Legion convention "implored" him to act immediately, with or without the support of other American nations. In light of President Kennedy's Cuba blockade pronouncement of Oct. 22, that resolution stands as unqualified support of it, whatever the risks.

Legion Dues Up

American Legion by 50ϕ a year — from \$1.50 to \$2.00. The increase covers those 1963 dues paid after Dec. 31, 1962. A Jan. 15, 1963, postmark is the deadline for forwarding 1963 dues at the old rate to Nat'l Hq from Dep't Hq. Until then, the \$1.50 rate will apply to 1963 dues received at Nat'l Hq.

The increase is not a direct levy on members, since each Post sets its own dues structure, of which the national dues are one factor — and Posts will determine the method by which they will meet the increase. Outgoing Nat'l Cmdr Charles L. Bacon had spelled out the need for the increase on these pages in September. After debate, the convention delegates adopted the increase by 2,255 to 744, with 17 votes not cast.

One-half of the 50ϕ increase applies to the general operation of the national organization, and one-half to the magazine subscription, bringing it to \$1 per year per member.

Strong Pension Policy

The convention adopted the strongest pension program for disabled, aging and unemployable honorably discharged war veterans in many years, in view of Congressional inaction on veterans' pension reforms this year. The 1963 pension demands of the Legion include raising the pay scale of veterans and widows eligible for pensions and increasing the eligibility income limits from \$3,000 to \$3,600 for veterans and widows with dependents, and from \$1,800 to \$2,400 for veterans and widows without dependents.

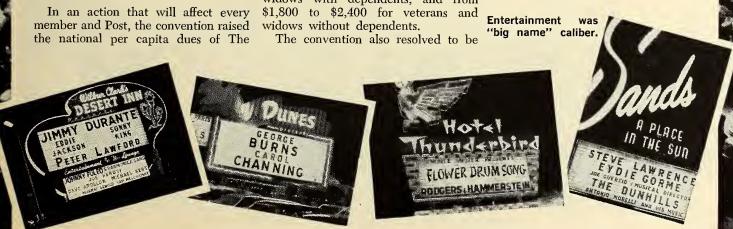
back in Congress with a new NSLI insurance reopening bill in January, in view of the emasculation of the bill in the House in the last session of Congress.

The day-by-day highlights of the convention are featured on the following 13 pages. In addition, all of its adopted resolutions will be digested in future issues of this magazine.

Two American Legion Distinguished Service Medals were awarded, one to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the other, posthumously, to Dr. Thomas Dooley. Special Legion awards were also given to NASA and Bell Telephone for their *Telstar* achievement; to Gen. Frank Schwengel for service to the nation and veterans; to Fulton Lewis, Jr., for public service in journalism; to Hugh J. McGivern and J. P. Nevins, Canadian veteran leaders.

Other distinguished Americans who addressed convention gatherings included: Former President Harry S. Truman; FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover; AFL-CIO head George Meany; Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy; Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David M. Shoup; Nat'l Education Ass'n President Mrs. Hazel A. Blanchard; Ellsworth H. Augustus, President, Boy Scouts of America; Sam M. Fleming, former President, American Bankers Ass'n; and John C. Satterfield, former Bar Ass'n President.

The Legion gave Las Vegas its biggest convention and its biggest parade; and Las Vegas gave the Legion excellent facilities and ideal weather.



THE AMERICAN LEGION 44TH NATIONAL CONVENTION . . . A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

Meetings of Standing Commissions and Committees...Economic

Commission . . . Americanism . . . Constitution & Bylaws Committee . . . Emblem

Committee...National Security...Child Welfare...International Affairs...National

Finance Commission . . . Foreign Relations . . . Legislative . . . Rehabilitation . . .

Publications . . . Public Relations . . . Convention Commission.

AMERICAN LEGION National Convention is a huge, complex operation. With the first full Convention session still four days off, all of the standing bodies of the Legion listed above — numbering hundreds of unpaid working Legionnaires — opened two days of meetings on Friday, Oct. 5. Their job: to provide up-to-date reports in their fields to the Convention's own committees two days later. (Below left is the 2nd day of the Rehabilitation Commission's pre-convention meeting). The Commissions must report on their work during the year, on resolutions previously referred to them for more study, and on the impact on their specialties of events and trends up to the time of the Convention opening.

National experts are invited to sit in panels with the Commissions. This year, as usual, top officials of the Veterans Administration, the Armed Forces, other gov't agencies, as well as Congressmen and leaders in youth organizations, health foundations, labor, business, finance, social work, education and the professions targeted on Las Vegas to counsel with the pre-Convention meetings. Many stayed for the



Headquarters staff members from Indianapolis and Washington arrived early to help set the stage.

Convention itself. To service the Legion's hard-working policy groups, Nat'l Hq staffs moved in even earlier (above) from Indianapolis, Washington and New York, and before Friday had set up temporary Nat'l Hq in the Las Vegas Convention Center's huge Exhibition Hall.

Corps Competition... Band Contest... Junior Band Contest... Color Guard Contest... Motorcycle Drill Team Contest... Society of American Legion Founders Dinner.

WILLE COMMISSIONS and Committees met, Department delegations started arriving in force, contests of various kinds picked up the tempo of

social activities, and Legionnaires started to sample the famous entertainment offered by establishments on "the Strip" and in downtown Las Vegas.

First of the big contests to get underway was the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps competition held at Cashman Field. Ten units participated, and top honors went



▲ The Rehabilitation Commission in a Saturday session at the Las Vegas Convention Center.



Right: Top-ranking military officers at briefings of the National Security Commission on October 6. From left: Maj. Gen. Avery R. Kier, USMC; Col. Roscoe Turner; Vice Adm. U. S. G. Sharp, USN; Lt. Gen. David A. Burchinal, USAF; Robert H. Bush, chairman of National Security Commission; and Lt. Gen. Theodore W. Parker, USA.

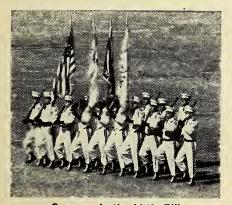
SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

to the Garfield Cadets of Post 255, Garfield, N.J., with a score of 87.750. At the Latter Day Saints Field, the Color Guard Contest was won by the Little Bills of Post 118, Chicago, with a score of 94.0



Alvin M. Owsley, left, was elected President of the Society of American Legion Founders, and Joseph Bernard was re-elected National Secretary.

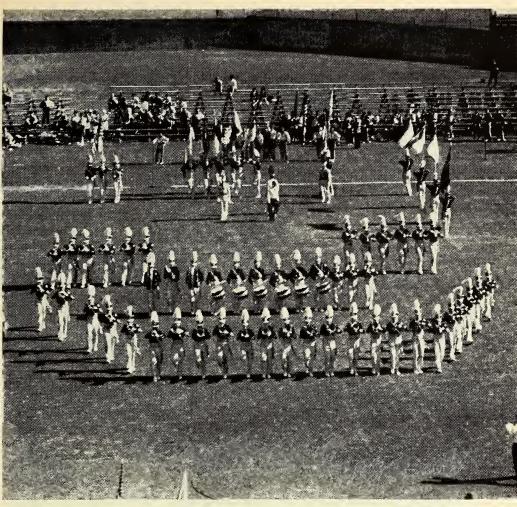
Meanwhile at the Las Vegas High School, the Senior and Junior Bands were competing. The former contest was once again won by the Harwood Memorial Band of Post 5, Joliet, Ill., and Junior honors were awarded to the Junior Police Band of Post 381, Los



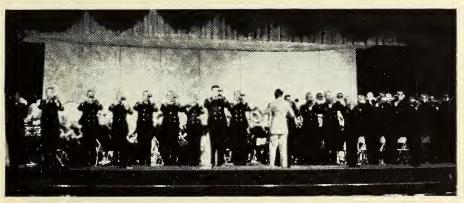
Once again the Little Bills of Post 118, Chicago, won the Color Guard Contest.

Angeles, Calif. Still another contest, that for Motorcycle Drill Teams, was held in one of the huge parking areas of the Convention Center. This was won by the Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team of Post 56 of that city.

Notable among the social events of the day was the meeting and dinner of the Society of American Legion Founders held at the Dunes Hotel. Past National Commander Alvin M. Owsley was elected president, succeeding General Frank R. Schwengel.



The Garfield Cadets of Garfield, N.J., placed first in the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps contest.



Scoring 80.9, the Harwood Post Band, Joliet, Ill., won the Senior Band Contest.



This Junior Band, of Police Post 381, Los Angeles, Calif., retained its championship.

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 7 Commission and Committee Meetings . . . Canadian Veterans Meeting and Luncheon...Junior Color Guard Contest... Firing Squad Contest... Chorus Contest ... Quartet Contest ... Auxiliary Chorus Contest ... Auxiliary Trio ... Quartet and Sextet Contests... Patriotic and Memorial Service... National Executive Committee Meeting . . . Senior Drum & Bugle Corps Competition . . .

THE EVENTS PICTURED here delighted thousands on Sunday, Oct. 7, but 583 Legionnaires saw little or nothing of them or the parade next day, as they convened for the first time in the Convention's own ten Committees. Their job: to suggest the rules and organization of the convention sessions and to prepare intelligent recommendations for the full convention on 658 resolutions

that had been sent up for consideration from the Departments and standing bodies.

Meanwhile contests of various kinds took place all over Las Vegas, culminating in the finals of the Senior Drum & Bugle Corps competition at Cashman Field. This was won for the seventh time by the Caballeros of Post 119, Hawthorne, N.J. Singing contests were expanded this year with a quartet eontest, won by a group from Post 23, Milwaukee, Wis., and with groups from the Auxiliary. Auxiliary winners were a trio from San Leandro, Calif., a quartet from Elizabethtown, Pa., a sextet and a ehorus from Los Angeles, Unit 24. At the end of the eontests a Patriotic and Memorial Service was held at the Las Vegas High Sehool Auditorium.



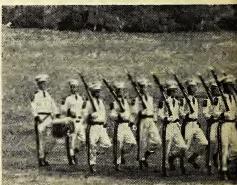
National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore reports to the National Executive Committee.



Colors being retired at the conclusion of the Patriotic and Memorial Service.



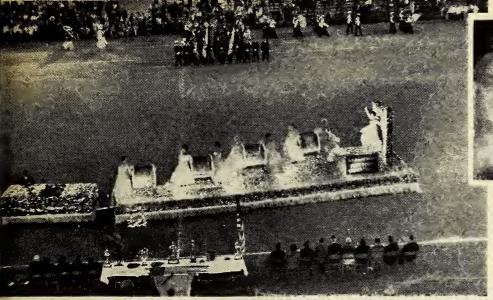
The Singing Legionnaires of Sioux Falls,



The Little Bills of Chicago, retained the



The Kankakee Shadows, of Kankakee, Ill., wo





A girl-bedecked float rolled onto Cashman Field at the close of the Drum & Bugle Competition and the annual drawing was held for the four Ford convertibles offered by the three Seagram Posts of The American Legion. Above, National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore assists in the drawing. The winners: Edmund J. Anger, Niantic, Conn.; Alvin C. Schaefer, Duluth, Minn.; William C. Matthews, Nashville, N.C.; Earl D. Whitaker, La Junta, Colo.



.D., won the Chorus Contest.



enior Color Guard Championship.



e Junior Color Guard Contest.



One of the intricate formations displayed by the Caballeros, of Hawthorne, N.J., who once again placed first in the Senior Drum & Bugle Corps Competition.



The Auxiliary Chorus Contest was won by this group from Los Angeles, 24th District.



R. W. Hodson, South Dakota Department Commander, accepts from James S. Rule, of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, a cup for the Singing Legionnaires of Sioux Falls. National Commander Bacon looks on.

MONDAY OCTOBER 8

Opening Session of American Legion Auxiliary



These pretty girls all in a row represented the host city, Las Vegas.

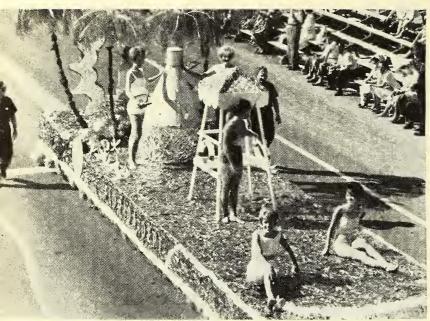
... World War Nurses

Annual Breakfast ...

Historians Breakfast

THE AMERICAN

LEGION PARADE



Florida's float reminded viewers of another place where the sun shines.



These massed Colors were proudly carried by the men c



Before the start of the parade the Legion Auxiliary opened its sessions.

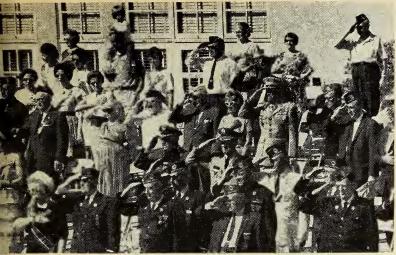
Prior to Parade Time



Another pre-parade function was the Annual Breakfast of World War Nurses.



This heap big band was



his reviewing stand scene was frequently repeated as our Flag went by.



Reminder: Plan to attend next year's Convention at New Orleans.



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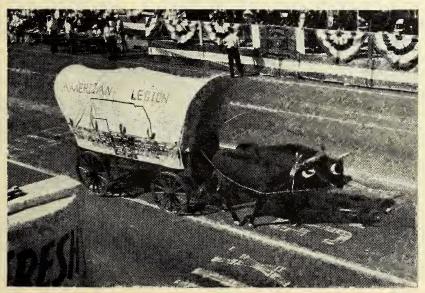
The kids meet Uncle.



Indianapolis's championship Motorcycle Drill Team as it roared by.



om Yuma, Arizona.



No tickets for speeding were issued to this ox team from Nebraska.



Just plain solid comfort.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 44TH NATIONAL CONVENTION . . . A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9 Opening Convention Session of The American Legion at Las Vegas Convention Center . . . Convention Sessions of The American Legion Auxiliary at Flamingo Hotel . . . Exhibits open at Convention Center . . . National Commander's Dinner with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy as featured speaker.



Oran K. Gragson Mayor of Las Vegas.



Grant Sawyer Governor of Nevada.

FTER 4 DAYS OF SPECTACULAR events and committee deliberations, the business sessions of the Convention opened on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Top Nevada officials welcomed the Convention. Besides those pictured (left), Nevada Senators Alan Bible and Howard Cannon, and Rep. Walter Baring joined in the greeting. The meetings did not get under way until outgoing Nat'l Chaplain Father Robert Keating (Conn.) had led impressive opening religious and memorial services. Featured speaker was J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, who gave the delegates a double-barreled report on

(a) the continued increase of crime in the United States and (b) the continued menace of communists in the U.S. who. he said, remain as dangerous as ever, though less visible than they were some years ago. Nat'l Education Ass'n President Mrs. Hazel Blanchard gave Nat'l Commander Bacon a bound copy of the teachers manual on "Teaching About Communism" which was prepared jointly by the NEA (under past President Ewald Turner) and the Legion last year.

In accepting the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, retired Gen. Lucius D. Clay, of German Occupation



Commander, Dept. Nevada.



James R. Carden, Sr. Thomas W. Miller, Pres. 1962 Convention Corporation.



National Commander Bacon gives a Legion award to Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans In Canada. The presentation was made to J. P. Nevins, center, and Hugh J. McGivern.



The Commander introduced little Debbie Sue Brown to delegates. Debbie accompanied Robert A. **Burcaw of the National Foundation** who thanked the Legion for help.



Greetings were extended to delegates by these four outstanding young Americans, shown from left to right: Legion Baseball Player of the Year William D. Matan, National Oratorical Champion Patricia Ann Turner, Boys Nation President H. Pettus Randall III, Eagle Scout Bernard A. Roy



The American Legion's Fourth Estate Award was presented to commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr.



The highest tribute of The American Legion, its Distinguished Service Medal, was awarded to Gen. Lucius D. Clay.



The Distinguished Service Medal awarded posthumously to Dr. Thomas A. Dooley was accepted by his brother Malcolm.



The principal address was delivered by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, who discussed crime and communism.



Mrs. Hazel A. Blanchard, President of the National Education Association, and Ewald Turner, past president of the organization.

fame, told the delegates that the U.S. would be in a stronger position in the world today had it in the past followed more closely the foreign policy views of the Legion.

National Commander Charles L. Bacon, in his final report to the convention, found the Legion in good condition. With several months to go, the Legion's 1962 membership had already surpassed the year-end membership for 1961, he noted. Meanwhile, advance membership for 1963 was running 7,000 ahead of the healthy early 1962 figures as the Convention opened. Legion officials from many states were given special awards

on the stage of the Convention by Bacon, for their outstanding contributions to membership growth during the year.

Among those who spoke to the Convention on its opening day besides those pictured here were William A. Driver, Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration; Mrs. J. Howard McKay (Pa.), outgoing Nat'l President of The American Legion Auxiliary; and Ellsworth H. Augustus, Boy Scout President.

The reports of the Legislative & Rules, and the Internal Organization & Credentials Committees were adopted, clearing the way for the handling of the remaining Convention reports later.

National Commander's Dinner

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S Dinner held at the Nevada Room of the Flamingo Hotel was attended by more than a thousand Legionnaires and visiting dignitaries. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in his address discussed the Berlin crisis and this nation's ability to defend itself militarily. He paid tribute

to The American Legion, saying that it "was formed 16 months after the bolshevik revolution in Russia and ever since the Legion has been in the forefront of those determined to alert the American people to the dangers of communism."

Entertainment which included such

attractions as the De Castro Sisters, Johnny Puleo and his Harmonica Gang, Brook Benton, Ned and Patty Washington, Poncie Ponce and Lou Quinn, was provided through the cooperation of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. Arrangements for the entertainment were made by Stanley Adams, ASCAP president, with the help of James S. Rule, coordinator.



Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, featured speaker at the National Commander's Dinner.



Among those present, from left to right, were Past National Commanders Stephen F. Chadwick, Edward N. Scheiberling, Alvin M. Owsley, Paul H. Griffith and Ray Murphy.



Johnny Puleo's Harmonica Gang was one of the acts that entertained guests.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

Convention Session of The American Legion ...

Speeches by John C. Satterfield, George Meany, and Gen. David M. Shoup... Presentations... Reports of Convention Committees... Convention Session of the Auxiliary ... Auxiliary States Dinner.

N WED., Oct. 10, the Convention adopted the major part of the basic Legion policies for the ensuing year. It disposed of hundreds of resolutions covered in the reports of the Committees on (a) Constitutional Amendments (no amendments adopted); (b) Finance (nat'l dues increased, see p. 29); (c) Child Welfare (programs to combat venereal disease and to help stamp out traffic in obscene matter adopted, improvements in Social Security benefits affecting dependent children sought); (d) National Security; (e) Eco-

nomics and (f) Americanism.

The Nat'l Security report featured the need to recognize that outer space may be used for aggressive purposes. It urged the U.S. to spare no expense or effort to see that our defense capabilities are unsurpassed, on land and sea, in air and space; in weapons and weapons development, in transport, in regular and reserve trained manpower, and in productive capacity.

The Economic report dealt mainly with jobs for vets; job rights of present day servicemen; job



Louis E. Drago of →
New York at floor mike explained
the need for a per capita dues rise.



Years of service to the Nation and to veterans by Gen. Frank R. Schwengel won for him this award presented by Commander Bacon.



George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, addressing the convention.



George F. Bruno, Department Commander of Pennsylvania, accepting the Hearst Trophy for work done in Americanism.



Robert H. Shennum of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, with the Telstar Award made jointly to Bell and to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Leonard Jaffe, NASA communications director, looks on.



Gen. David M. Shoup, Commandant United States Marine Corps.



Harold P. Redden reported for the National Finance Committee favoring the increase.



John R. Quinn of California lent his support to the Committee's action.



Girl's Nation President Sandra E. Clardy, of Greenville, S.C.

Committee Reports Were Read.



Ex-Gov. John Davis, National Security.



F. Giordano, Const. **Amendments**



Emilio S. Iglesias Foreign Relations



George Lewis **Economics**

problems of the aging and handicapped; and enforcement of veterans' legal preferences in U.S. Civil Service jobs. Policies to make vets' remaining GI home loan rights work better were also adopted.

A highlight of the Americanism report was a resolution asking that the U.S. Constitution be amended specifically to guarantee the right of citizens to say prayers in public places, including schools, and urging that parents and school boards, in the absence of such amendment, agree locally on voluntary recitation of prayers in public schools.

The Americanism report, in many resolutions, reiterated and updated a large number of standing Americanism policies - both the negative (anti-subversive) and the positive. Subversive and un-American groups condemned included not only various communist outfits, but the American Nazi Party and the Black Muslims. Especially applauded were the Girl Scouts.

The photos here also show some of the speakers and special events of Wed. Oct. 10. In addition, Adm. Claude Ricketts gave a Navy citation to Cmdr Bacon, NECman Albert Labiche (La.) presented an oil portrait of Bacon, and former American Bar Ass'n President John C. Satterfield spoke.

Meanwhile the Auxiliary Was Active.



The States Dinner was held at the Flamingo Hotel. Among those at the head table were (I. to r.): Mrs. Stanley Staidl, outgoing National Chaplain; Mr. Stanley Adams, president of ASCAP; Mrs. Oran K. Gragson, wife of the Mayor of Las Vegas; outgoing National Commander Charles L. Bacon; and outgoing National Auxiliary President Mrs. J. H. McKay.



Mike Brown, 12, Southwest Muscular Dystrophy Poster Boy, presents plaque to Mrs. McKay for Auxiliary efforts. George Freese of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation stands by.



Entertainer Carol Channing scores a hit at Auxiliary Convention and is enrolled by President McKay.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 44TH NATIONAL CONVENTION . . . A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

Final Convention Session of The American Legion . . . Speeches by Honorable Harry S. Truman and Sam M. Fleming . . . Reports of Convention Committees . . . Election of National Officers . . . Concluding Ceremonies . . . Meeting of National Executive Committee . . . Final Convention of The American Legion Auxiliary and Election of National Officers.

The Final day of the Convention, Thurs., Oct. 11, was highlighted by the appearance of former President Harry S. Truman; by the adoption of strong American Legion Foreign Relations and Rehabilitation policies; and by the election of national officers of The American Legion for 1962-63.

Mr. Truman, describing himself as the first Legionnaire to be President of



Honorary Department Commander Harry S. Truman is greeted by fellow-Missourian Jerome F. Duggan while Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow looks on.



Sam M. Fleming Former President American Bankers Assn.

ately following Mr. Truman's address. On Cuba, it anticipated the President by 11 days (see p. 29). On Berlin, it backed his stand to the hilt. And in a series of resolutions fundamental to the best interests of the United States and the free world in the Cold War, the Legion spelled out public support for U.S. policies abroad. The strength and firmness of these policies are no more



Robert M. McCurdy
Chairman
Rehabilitation Commission

A strong and reasonable veterans' pension platform (see p. 29) highlighted the Rehabilitation report that was overwhelmingly adopted after debate. Veterans' pension legislation (not enacted) attracted considerable national attention in 1962, and the Legion's broadened policy will undoubtedly make news and attract wide support in 1963.





The former President as he addressed the delegates, and the crowd at the Convention Center that heard him.

the United States (every President since has been a Legionnaire), entered the hall early and sat with the Missouri delegation, he having been a delegate with them for 38 years.

In a serious talk to the convention he urged that strong support be given President Kennedy in his foreign policy.

The Convention's Foreign Relations report was heard and adopted immedi-

noteworthy than the careful reasoning and documentation that was presented in support of them as part of the report by the 42 members of the Convention Committee on Foreign Relations.

Earlier in the day the Convention had adopted the report of the Rehabilitation Committee, spelling out the program for veterans' welfare that the Legion would work for in 1963.

A sentimental Rehab resolution which should be extremely popular asked that the Oakland, Calif., VA Hospital be named the "Charles C. McGonegal Hospital." McGonegal, who died in 1960 while a Nat'l Vice-Commander of The American Legion, was the remarkable WWI double-arm amputee whose indomitable spirit, and performance with artificial hands, was an inspiration to



The new National Commander, James E. Powers, showed pardonable pride as he presented his wife and grandchildren Katherine and Martha to the Legionnaires who had just elected him.

countless other amputees who found their courage through the example he set.

The Convention was addressed by Sam M. Fleming, immediate past president of the American Bankers Association.

Before the nominations for officers for 1963 began, the following three Legionnaires were announced as winners of a Liggett & Myers drawing to present 10,000 cigarettes each to a VA hospital of their choice: John J. Chapin (Mo.); Wendell R. Nickerson (Colo.) and John T. Merrit (Fla.).

Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, of South Bend, Indiana, was then unanimously elected National Chaplain for the next year, and the five Nat'l Vice-Commanders (see photo on following page) were as speedily elected.

James E. Powers, of Georgia and Joe L. Matthews, Jr., of Texas were nominated for National Commander, as was Daniel Foley of Minnesota. Foley withdrew, with thanks, as soon as he had been nominated. Supporters of the other two candidates put on old fashioned parades up and down the aisles and the



After the nominating speech for Jimmy Powers, the banner-bearers went into action.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

issue went to a roll call between the two candidates. At the end of the roll call Powers had approximately two-thirds of the votes, and Matthews moved to make the election unanimous, which the Convention did.

The Convention closed with National Commander Powers' pledge to the delegates to serve their organization and





Shown here in the receiving line at National Commander Powers' Victory Party was James S. Rule of ASCAP, which went all-out to entertain the Legionnaires.



H. Armand deMasi who was appointed National Historian.

Newly elected Vice Commanders and the new National Chaplain for the year ahead are shown here. They are from left to right: Paschal C. Reese, West Palm Beach, Florida; Victor F. Whittlesea, Reno, Nevada; Harold D. Beaton, Washington, D. C.; James A. Doon, Henniker, New Hampshire; Claude A. Hamilton, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and National Chaplain Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, South Bend, Indiana.



Mrs. O. L. Koger of Topeka, Kansas, National Auxiliary President for 1962-63.

New Leaders of the Auxiliary



Past National President Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith installing the new President and Vice Presidents. Left to right: Mrs. O. L. Koger; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Richard E. Davis of Morgantown, W. Va., (Central Division); Mrs. Earl Wright of Cheyenne, Wyo., (Northwestern); Mrs. Thomas G.

Chilton of Superior, Ariz., (Western); Mrs. Anthony J. Rumo of Portland, Maine, (Eastern); Mrs. Robert T. Barrett of Ashland, Ky., (Southern); National Historian Mrs. Lester L. Nimon of Canton, Ohio; and National Chaplain Mrs. W. A. Pierce of Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

their mandates to the utmost in 1962-63. Thomas W. Miller, the Legion founder who secured the Legion's charter from Congress in 1919, and was President of the 1962 Convention Corporation, presented Commander Powers his official colors in the final ceremony at the Convention Center.

As the hall emptied for the last time, the Nat'l Executive Committee met on the stage to commence the business of the new Legion year by appointing national officers as follows:

Nat'l Adjutant, E. A. Blackmore (reappointed); Nat'l Treasurer, Francis Polen (reappointed); Nat'l Judge Advocate, Bertram Davis (reappointed); Nat'l Historian, H. Armand deMasi.



Thomas W. Miller of Nevada presented the Colors to National Commander Powers.

THE END

(Continued from page 13)

Senators; her Representatives in Congress; her Governor and Lieutenant Governor; the Mayor of Macon and the President of the Macon Chamber of Commerce freely joined Powers' colleagues in the Legion by openly testifying to his qualifications for the national Legion leadership — and they put it in writing in support of Powers' candidacy.

But while Georgians know Powers best, they might tend to exaggerate, for when they speak of their "Jimmie" Powers, they speak of one who has long been their favorite son, on whom they have piled both their honors and their troubles for a decade and a half.

Possibly they are prejudiced in his favor, and a few views outside of Georgia should go on the scales.

But those who have known Powers across the nation have not differed from his friends at home. In the Legion's National Executive Committee over the last eight years, Powers has consistently been one of those named to special committees where the question to be handled was ticklish, delicate, eruptive or called for exacting fairness and rightness in emotionally charged atmospheres. His shoulders have looked as broad in Indianapolis as in Atlanta.

Indeed, when a testimonial dinner was held for Powers in Georgia in 1960, an Eastern Legionnaire who could not make the 2,000 mile round-trip, wrote him in part as follows:

"One of the great rewards of being in this American Legion is that it associates us with men of your humanity, compassion, wisdom, humor, courage and devotion—whose paths—except for the Legion—we never would have crossed... We, your friends, have complete confidence that we may put our unstinting praise of you and admiration for you on the record while you are still in the prime of life, with assurance that in the many years ahead you will only serve to make prophets of us all."

Last July, another non-Georgian who is himself an awesome and remarkable Legionnaire, spread himself on the record for Jimmie Powers. The editor of the Post newspaper of Post 35, Jeffersonville, Indiana, published an analysis of nine qualifications needed in a National Commander. Probably any man endorsed for the job is well qualified, he said, but Powers possessed all nine qualifications to such a degree that he would most certainly carry the Legion to new heights among veterans organizations. Therefore, wrote the editor: "I, as a 45year member and a 37-year Service Officer of The American Legion, unreservedly endorse for National Commander of The American Legion James E. 'Jimmie' Powers of Georgia."

That editor is Hermann Wenige, known nationally in the Legion for his service work for veterans. Wenige, minus a leg lost in an accident years ago, is not only still a force in the field of veterans rehabilitation, but this year, at the age of 80, won the national prize of The American Legion Press Association for publishing the best American Legion newspaper in any Post with less than 2,000 members.

"Jimmie" Powers has a family and personal background that has made him so natural a one in the eyes of so many to lead the Legion.

His family, rooted in colonial Virginia, became pioneers in Georgia in the 1820's. They were farmers, with a record of service to their people.

Both of Powers' grandfathers served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. When his father was a year old, his father, Nathan Abner Powers, was killed in action in Tennessee. Powers' mother was Laura Eileen Ellis whose father served with Jeb Stuart's hardriding Confederate Cavalry.

Jimmie Powers himself, the 11th of 15 children, is one of seven brothers who served in the U. S. Armed Forces in World War I and World War 2.

One of his first acts after his election was to pay an official visit, late in October, to Gen. Douglas MacArthur in New York. Three of Jimmie's brothers served in WWI, of whom two, Nathan and Samuel, were Sergeants in the Rainbow Division under MacArthur, and the National Commander himself served under him in the Philippines in WW2.

Brother Fred Powers served in the Coast Artillery in WWI.

Three of Jimmie's brothers in addition to himself served in WW2.

Albert F. Powers was shot down off Kyushu, Japan, flying a Navy plane off of the U.S.S. Monterrey, a baby flattop. Clifford B. Powers served with the Marines, and was on Adm. Halsey's staff at the end of the war. John R. Powers served with the 20th Airforce's B-29's on Guam.

The Commander's son, James E. Powers, Jr., was just too young for service in the Korean War. He is now an engineers with NASA at its Houston, Texas, complex, after post-Korea army duty.

The National Commander was born at Lorane, in Georgia's Bibb County, on July 26, 1910. His father, Nathan Abner Powers, Sr., was a cotton farmer, and his mother a schoolteacher. They





Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right) embraces Nat'l Commander Powers, as he pays his respects to the General in his suite in New York. Two of Powers' brothers served under MacArthur in the Rainbow Division in WWI, while the Commander served in his command in the liberation of the Philippines twenty-six years later.

soon moved to a farm outside Macon (where Powers still lives), and Jimmie graduated from Macon's Lanier High School in 1927.

He enrolled in Mercer University at Macon, but the 1929 depression made it impossible to continue to graduation.

In 1930 he worked for the Macon National Bank, and in 1931 joined the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., a subsidiary of Proctor and Gamble.

On Dec. 6, 1931, he married Katherine McCamy, a native of Rome, Ga. Their son was born in 1933. In 1936, Powers became Macon credit manager of the Sherwin Williams Paint Co., a position he held when he entered the Army as a private early in 1944.

During the prewar years, Powers' civic interests, later to bloom with great force in the Legion, were centered around the Methodist Church where, among other things, he was a Scoutmaster.

In the WW2 Army, Powers took his basic training in Texas, then was sent to Officers Candidate School at New Orleans, where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps. Thence to Camp Stoncman, Calif., and overseas in the Pacific.

His convoy, supply and amphibious support duties in the Transportation Corps took him to Eniwetok; Ulithi; Dulag in Leyte Gulf; Manila, San Fernando and Baguio on Luzon; Davao on Mindanao - then to Okinawa, Yokohama, Nagoya and occupation duty at Inchon, Korea.

The work was warm enough to provide for two bronze stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and two on his Philippine Liberation ribbon.

Powers returned home in August, 1946, resumed his work as Sherwin Williams' Macon credit manager, and promptly joined American Legion Post

74 in Macon. Had he omitted to join the Legion, he says, his WWI brothers Sam and Nathan would have had his hide, they being charter members of Post 3 in the same city.

The American Legion had been of service to his family in the death in action of one brother and the serious wounding of another. Jimmie was so anxious to repay these favors that he volunteered to be Post 74's Service Officer as a neophyte WW2 Legionnaire.

He threw himself into that job with enormous compassion as the problems of disabled servicemen and the families of the deceased in and around Macon revealed themselves to him in his volun-

At the same time he became better acquainted with the Legion's constructive programs for youth and community service, with its militant stand for things

FOR DECEMBER By Rev. Ernest O. Norquist Past Department Chaplain of Illinois

> God of our fathers, whose mercy hath ever been evident in the history of this land, we thank Thee that in our time we have liberty, symbolized by the flag we love, and paid for by sacrifice and suffering. Deliver us, O Lord, from the blight of disloyalty, from danger without and discord within, And grant, O Heavenly Father, that men of every race and clime may learn to live and work and pray together, to Thy glory and honor. Amen.

American, and with its concern for adequate national preparedness whose neglect had so recently helped loose the dogs of war again.

Everything that the Legion stood for vibrated in such harmony with Powers' deepest convictions that their impact molded his entire life since that time.

His service work for the disabled, conducted for his Post, was so outstanding that the State of Georgia proposed a professional career for him at this job he was doing for nothing. He was offered, and accepted, the managership of the Macon office of the State Veterans Service Department, serving 25,000 vcterans.

Since then he has been offered tempting careers in both private employment and public office, but refused them all and remains the manager of the Macon state veterans office. His conduct of that office, and its service to veterans' welfare, is attested by experts throughout the country, in the Legion and in the Veterans Administration, to be unsurpassed. It is only natural that successive National Commanders named Powers as a liaison between the Legion's National Executive Committee and its Rehabilitation Commission during the years Powers has served on the Executive Committee.

But Powers' vision of the Legions' programs went far beyond the veterans' service work of which he is such a master. The other programs of the Legion were so fundamental to America in his eyes, and so impossible of ever being fully attained, that he felt an obligation to work with fervor to strengthen the whole Legion, to accelerate all its basic programs, to help overcome as much as possible its deficiencies, and to see that he and other WW2 Legionnaires should contribute as much in work and leadership as the Legion's founders had contributed since 1919.

Starting in his Post, he added to his service work the managership of its American Legion Junior Baseball team, a happy task which was rewarded by a state championship one year and a state runner-up another year.

Post 74 was quick to recognize his capacities and his willingness to serve, and made him its Commander the year after he joined. The magic of his leadership was so effective that in the space of a few years the members had built their Post from 620 members to 1,260, to become second in the state then only to Atlanta Post 1. When the members re-elected Powers to the Post Commandership again in 1948 and again in 1949, it was a most remarkable tribute to a newcomer in an established organization.

Today he is still the Service Officer of his Post, but the state Legion snatched him away from fulltime leadership of his Post for service to the entire Depart-

ment of Georgia, In 1949-50, 50-51, and 51-52 they successively made him Department (state) Junior Vice-Commander, Senior Vice-Commander and Department Commander.

Following the influx of veterans into the Legion in 1946, state membership had slumped off from 56,000 to 48,000, and the state organization had operated in red ink. Powers attributed the difficulties to a need for more emphasis on carrying out Legion programs, on a need for revision of the structure of the state organization to adjust to the new Legion potential which the second World War had produced, and on a need to enthuse a larger corps of Legion leaders in the state to the task of making Legion programs work.

The state constitution was revised, the budget was balanced, the programs were hypoed, and membership zoomed within a few years to a new all-time high of 58,000.

Of course Powers did not do all this himself. The crux of the work was the welding together of other men with a common passion to work for the same goals. It is these other men on whom we rely to suggest to Legionnaires everywhere the sort of man their new National Commander is. It is they who call themselves "Jimmie's team", and "Jimmie's team" is a steadily growing group of Georgia Legionnaires of both World Wars and the Korean War who are dedicated to strengthening The American Legion so that it may better serve "community, state and nation"-and who wish to serve no other notion of the Legion.

It would be nice to name "Jimmie's team", but the Georgia American Legion is so unanimously pro-Powers that the team is actually some 50-odd thousand strong.

What is significant is their unanimous consent that James E. Powers, of Macon, your new National Commander, has by his personal leadership been the solidifying force that made them a group, rather than scattered individuals, dedicated to so serving The American Legion that it might better serve America. By the testimony of all who know him, The American Legion is off to a good start for 1962-63. THE END

HOW TO KEEP YOUR TEETH

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tion for which it was intended. A bad bite often follows the loss of teeth that are not replaced. Adjacent ones shift into the vacant spaces, thus altering the alignment of the teeth.

The cause may be worn-out fillings and crowns. Their sharp edges can create irritations that result in inflammation and the chain of disease begins.

These are the causes dentistry has long known about, but now investigations are proceeding along other lines that shed surprising new light on still other reasons.

For example, periodontal disease may arise from too-vigorous brushing of the teeth as well as not enough!

You've been told over and over that stimulating the gums is good, and so it is-but a dental textbook discloses that too much stimulation is "unwise and destructive." Drs. Lester W. Burket and Alvin L. Morris write: "The over-stimulation may be produced by the particular toothbrushing technique which is used routinely by the patient or it may result from the attempts of the patient to master a new toothbrushing technique." The authors point out that excessively strong up-and-down as well horizontal brushing creates telltale lesions on the gums. For instance, people who scrub vertically have V-shaped clefts on the gums which are more prominent on the lower jaw since the downward phase of the brushing is more energetic.

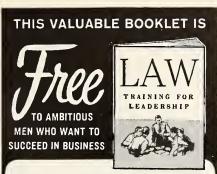
New studies are also proving what dentists have been suspecting—that your nerves can actually cause you to damage your gums and lose your teeth.

Dr. James S. Millsap of Houston, Texas, told a dental association meeting recently that you use your teeth for normal functions only about one hour in the 24 each day. However, he warned that habit neuroses of which you may be entirely unaware can be leading you directly to periodontal disease. You may even be doing these things in your sleep!

For example, are you guilty of any of these: Do you clench your teeth as you work on an especially difficult problem? Has your wife or husband told you that you grind your teeth in your sleep? Do you unconsciously keep your tongue pressed against your teeth - is it there at this moment? Do you nervously chew on a pencil, a pipe stem, a toothpick, your fingernails, your cheek? Normally, the lips should be closed and the teeth slightly apart, except in chewing or swallowing. You can break yourself of these habits, even the ones you perform while asleep. For the latter, the dentist can fit you with a special mouth insert that won't let you grind away.

A fascinating study has shown that periodontal disease may well be a byproduct of civilization and soft living. Drs. A. L. Russell and C. L. White of the National Institute of Dental Research tested 700 Eskimos of the Alaska National Guard who live in isolated villages under primitive conditions, to learn how much gum disease they have.

The amazing result? Practically none! But there are other Eskimos living in more southern regions who have adopted many customs of civilization. These too, were tested carefully. The findings indi-



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cate that when the people are exposed to the refinements of life, the prevalence of periodontal disease zooms to a point comparable with the average adult population in the United States.

These studies have provided researchers with an indication that there is something in what we eat, what we do not eat or how we eat that is largely responsible for our gum troubles. Dr. F. A. Arnold, Jr., director of the National Institute of Dental Research, told an international dental meeting not long ago that the key may well lie in this area of nutrition and environment.

These are the causes. How do dentists treat the disease and how do they cure it?

The irritants must be removed. The diseased areas must be eliminated. With special instruments called curettes, the dentist reaches into the pockets and removes all the accumulated deposits. He does this under a local anesthetic.

The dentist now has a new tool to help him—ultrasonic radiation. He wheels over a device about the size of a television set and turns it on, generating sound waves pitched too high for you to hear. This was the machine that made international headlines recently when it was used to treat President Kennedy's ailing back. The dentist applies this "silent sound" to the affected area by means of an electrode. The vibrations, which are actually energy, whisk off the calculus and smooth down the roots.

In early stages, this "curettage" is generally enough. The gums heal into a tight, pink collar around the neck of the teeth.

But if the pus pockets are too deep and the tissues too diseased, what then? The genius of modern dentistry has answers in the form of remarkable surgical procedures. In one operation, the dentist actually performs plastic surgery on the gums. He removes bad tissue, then skillfully reshapes the architecture of the gum, actually beveling it in such a way that, when healed, it will hug the teeth closely and firmly, leaving no crevices for the formation of new pus pockets.

In another procedure, the dental surgeon can reshape the jawbone itself to help support the teeth better.

Even if the disease has already loosened teeth, the dentist has an answer. He puts them in splints, which work exactly like splints doctors use to set simple bone fractures! After the diseased areas have been cleaned out, the loose teeth are stabilized by crown coverings for individual ones or wires if several are involved. These hold the teeth firmly in place so that the tissues around them can heal.

If a number of teeth are affected, brass or stainless steel wires are looped around them and anchored firmly to abutment teeth on either end. They are left in place from six to eight weeks, the length of time required for the growth of new bone, but the wires needn't show. The dentist can apply a plastic material the color of your teeth to camouflage them!

The extensive dental work described here can be costly, but remember, the financial investment you make in good dental health is an investment in good general health. Also, by visiting your dentist regularly, he will be able to detect a tendency toward periodontal disease in the early stages and stop it.

Treatment is never ended, however, until the conditions that brought on the disease in the first place are eliminated. Thus the dentist will correct the chewing surface of your teeth so that the pressure on all of them will be even. He can do this by grinding down some areas and building others up. He will replace teeth that are missing and even teach you how to brush your teeth!

And don't think you're too old to learn. The fact is that the most effective weapon so far devised for cleaning the mouth, combating decay and preventing periodontal disease is the toothbrush.

But only when it is used properly. Dental authorities estimate that fewer than one person in ten actually knows how to wield this vital little instrument correctly. Here is the *right* way, as explained in detail by the American Dental Association:

Concentrate on the areas between the teeth instead of the tooth surfaces as you probably have been doing all along. Dentists call this the "inter-dental" technique. "It takes the toothbrush out of the realm of the scrub brush," says the ADA, "and makes a series of toothpicks of its tufts."

Place the bristles at right angles along the line where the gum tissue meets the teeth. Then apply gentle but firm pressure so that the ends of the bristles bend and slide off, penetrating into space between. As they penetrate, the sides of the bristles come into contact with the gum tissue and compress it. Brush the upper teeth downward and the lower teeth upward, but also brush the chewing surfaces of the back teeth with a scrubbing stroke.

Take time! Brush at least six or seven strokes in each area. Research shows that the greatest benefit from brushing comes from doing it immediately after eating. If this isn't possible, rinsing with water will help remove food from between teeth and around gums.

When you brush, do you lean forward and gaze into the washbowl? Nearly everyone does, but heed the advice of Dr. Dorothy G. Hard of the University of Michigan: "Watch each stroke in the bathroom mirror. Look at your teeth and gums and make sure the brush is going where it should." If you generally

wear glasses, Dr. Hard suggests you wear them while brushing your teeth.

Here is more toothbrush advice: They should never be kept in closed containers because these not only destroy the bristles and prevent drying but encourage bacteria growth. Let your brush dry thoroughly after using so that bristles can regain their original stiffness. The best brush is one with a long handle and firm bristles. The working head should be flat and long enough to cover several teeth at a time, yet small enough to be effective in a crowded arch, especially on the tongue side of the lower front teeth.

Besides brushing, here are other important rules that can keep you from falling victim to dread periodontal disease:

Exercise your teeth. Soft, sticky foods give the teeth and gums little work to do. If you aren't required to stay on a soft diet for health reasons, eat some foods that require good hard chewing. Fruits such as apples, raw vegetables and crusty breads are excellent.

Watch your diet. Eating a balanced diet is important for the good health of all the tissues of the body. A diet adequate for good general health will provide the nutrients essential to maintain the gums and bones supporting the teeth. Typical daily menus should include milk and other dairy products, green vegetables, fruits, whole grain breads and whole grain cereals, meat, fish and poultry.

Keep your teeth in good repair. Have missing teeth replaced, cavities filled promptly, defective crowns and dentures repaired. You visit your auto mechanic at the first sign of trouble with your car — don't do any less with your teeth.

There is one more thing to know about gum ailments — be alert to the ominous warning signs. Check yourself right now for these symptoms, as spelled out by the ADA:

No. 1—Do your gums bleed when you brush your teeth?

No. 2—Do you have persistent bad breath that you cannot explain away by something you ate or drank?

No. 3—Are your gums separating from your teeth instead of fitting snugly against them?

No. 4—Are your teeth loose and do they seem to shift position?

"If these symptoms are not cared for both in the dental office and by the patient at home," the ADA tells you, "the gums may become swollen or puffy and tender or painful, and the teeth may loosen and fall out."

But if you take action now, your teeth can remain your own. Today something can be done for the worst dental disease grownups face, but only if you let your dentist know that you need help.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN HOUSING

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activated by a flushing switch, and a compressor, not only to grind up the waste but also to force air through a two-compartment septic tank. The grinder also acts as a pump, so that one gallon of water does the work of the usual five. In addition to saving water, the system requires a much smaller drainage field than the old-fashioned system, yet is said to be as efficient as most municipal sewage treatment plants. This permits its use on much smaller lots. It also costs less to install and very little to operate.

The trend toward prefabrication is also a way to provide more luxuries for homeowners who could not otherwise afford them. Builders long ago found that central air conditioning, cooling and heating made houses sell more quickly. Now some are adding sales appeal with centrally-controlled high-fidelity systems piped to various rooms, which permit the children to watch TV while the grownups listen to records, or vice versa. They are also hiding that major eyesore of the 50's, the TV antenna, in the attic.

Other centrally-controlled amenities are increasingly available. One of these, centrally-operated wet and dry vacuum cleaning, has been used for some years in factories, and is now available for homes, so that only the hose and nozzles need be carried from room to room. Even more centrally and automatically operated are electronic air-cleaning systems. These reduce materially, if they do not entirely eliminate, the need for dusting. Walls and draperies remain pristine for years, and the incidence of air-borne diseases is said to be reduced.

Part and parcel of these increasingly mechanistic houses are various systems of intercommunication. Your telephone company will install complete systems which permit the homeowner to call any point in the house, answer the front door, make sure the baby is sleeping soundly, call the family, etc. Or, if you wish, you can buy and install your own system, from inexpensive "squawk boxes" to elaborate outfits like the Tele-Norm Rapidofon which has seven pushbuttons and operates through a tiny transistorized switchbox.

Incidentally, the Bell system is doing its part to beautify developments by installing telephone lines underground wherever possible. The electric power companies are expected to follow suit, for reasons of beauty, safety, and uninterrupted service — the last an increasingly important item as more householders cook, heat and cool by electricity. Today, people use electricity to keep their frozen food frozen, to clean, for radio and television entertainment, and to get up by means of electric alarm

clocks. Machine-trenching makes it practicable.

The house, indeed, is being run more and more by electricity, in many cases automatically. Electric eyes have long been available to turn on the lights at dusk, and time clocks to turn them off at bedtime when the householder is away.

Now automatic light control systems are available to turn up the lights gradually as daylight fades, so that you will always have the right amount of light. Lumistats, as they are called, may be installed at various places in the house, and soon may be available to be carried from room to room, thus making it possible to vary the lighting to suit the activity.

The kitchen, which has been fully electrified in many homes since before the war, continues to acquire new electrical refinements. Westinghouse claims its safety-matic stove won't let food burn even if the pan boils dry, and many cooking appliances can be moved about the house, just as it is presently possible to move sun lamps and portable TV sets. Charcoal broiling without charcoal may soon be as commonplace as fireless cookers once were, and as refrigerators that never need defrosting are becoming. New refrigerators have thinner walls, so that they hold almost twice as much food without occupying more space. They make ice automatically without the need to fill trays, and even the freezing compartments need never be defrosted.

Another boon to the housewife is the electro-static, ductless range hood, with a washable grease filter and precipitator. Some of these may even be folded away when not in use.

Houses now being built in one New York development have clothing chutes to the laundry room, and garbage chutes to a disposal center in the garage. In the living rooms of other new homes, electric traverse rods permit draperies to sweep across the picture window at the push of a button — either a wall button or one of several on a little black box the owner carries from room to room. One system presently on the market operates up to six draperies from as far away as 250 feet, with automatic control optional, by clock or electric eye.

This remote control business is being applied more to the grounds, too, so that the householder will no longer need to go outdoors! Nearly all makers of garage doors offer them with optional remote control. Today it is possible to mow and water the lawn by remote control and even to have the watering done automatically. Such automatic watering takes a bit of extra plumbing and wiring,



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of course, but the electronic leaf will not only water when necessary and for as long as needed, but a timer can stay its hand until that time of day when watering is most beneficial, or when the demand on the community's water system would be at its lowest.

At the homeowner's approach, or at that of a visitor or trespasser, garden lights can be turned on by means of electric eyes. Electric bug-killers can make sitting or strolling in the garden pleasanter, and perhaps healthier, although a fully air-cleaned and air-conditioned garden must still be under glass or plastic.

Almost the ultimate in prefabricated housing would seem to be Robert Martin Engclbrecht's "Home of the Immediate Future" at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. It does not even need a foundation, but can be set down on piers or posts, on either a level plot of ground or a mountainside. The architect writes in

This Week Magazine that "the most difficult site imaginable will take only a few days of preparation by a contractor."

Erection consists of wheeling it in and setting it down on the piers or posts, and plugging it into electrical, water, and waste lines. It comes in factory-assembled "modules" or sections, each 24 feet long, 12 feet wide, and tall enough to have eight-foot ceilings. Each module is self-contained, and can be converted readily to kitchen, bedroom, or living room. Thus, one or two can be bought first and others added as family and pocketbook grow.

Each module comes with sliding glass panels on one long side and a solid wall on the other. Four or six modules can thus be set up with all the glass panels opening on an inner court, and the solid falls facing the street and neighbors. The various modules are connected by insulated, radiant-heated corridors,

which may have a solid wall or be screened by a fence on the non-courtyard side.

The result can be more privacy than any small house has ever had before, yet mother can listen to the youngsters, if she wishes, and call everybody to dinner over the intercommunication system. Depending on how she drapes the glass panels, she can usually keep an eye on the children, even in their bedroom-nursery module.

This Engelbrecht house is not on the market yet, but U.S. Plywood Corporation and eight other big companies have invested considerable money in developing it, and the architect predicts that it will be on sale in two years.

By that time, of course, other last words in prefabrication and luxury living-on-a-budget may be available in housing.

THE END

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OUR OWN INDIANS

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pounds of frozen beef from a nearby supper club, which was then owned by the wife of an air base master sergeant. The owners of a small grocery store near the base happily contributed a generous box of canned and dry goods saying, as did many others, "It's a wonderful thing you're doing."

The bus arrived at Poplar at about 11 a.m. Distribution was supposed to begin at 2 p.m., but eager-eyed children started gathering well before noon.

The frantic process of unloading the bus, filling 40 boxes with food for the

most needy, and trying to sort clothing into age groups was begun and finished with the help of Legionnaires, who stayed and helped with the party, and a personable welfare worker who said: "I get so angry at these people, but I love them. Let anyone say a word against them and I spit fire."

Two teachers, the Poplar principal, and social workers were present. It was through their efforts, combined with the aid of local ministers, that the huge list of indigent families in the immediate area was set up to provide for those that seemed to be most sorely in need.

An Indian of the Sioux tribe, who is an AF sergeant in the 326th Bomb Sq. and had been raised on the Fort Belknap Reservation at Harlem, Montana, was asked to assist with the distribution. It was felt that his presence would help avoid misunderstandings and would set an example of success for young Indians. And then the doors were opened.

The polite, shy children met Santa, received a bag of candy from the Legionnaires, and then went to the back of the ballroom where toys, clothes and more candy were available. Soon the stock of toys was exhausted. Many wanted shoes, but all of these and some boxes of clothing were set aside to go to the schools for distribution by nurses and teachers as future needs among the Indian children became apparent.

Several hundred small children came to the party, followed later by teenagers and adults. Older brothers and sisters steadfastly looked after the wide-eyed, adorable, tiny fry. Young girls searched the boxes for pretty dresses which all too soon were gone. Mothers, looking out for the needs of large families and wanting to take home candy to surprise little ones who didn't come, were also present. One mother said she had nine children at home. When she was given nine bags without question, she was taken aback and asked, "Where do I sign?"

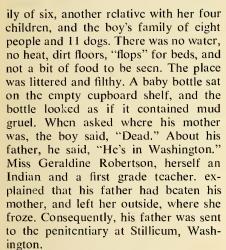
All this while an untidy Indian man, who looked either bruised or ill, stood by, asking to distribute food boxes and suggesting ideas. But he had a failing known to the townspeople and it was feared that if he were given his box, he might try to sell the contents for fire-



water. This is a common pitfall with the Indians, but an understandable one for humans in circumstances like his where all seems hopeless.

When the teachers later took a box of groceries to his home, the tragic plight of many Indian families became apparent to those of us who accompanied them. The man's nephew, a 14year-old boy, was the only one there. A handsome, well-combed youth, he was either very shy or unable to express himself in words. In that one-room house, approximately 25 by 12 feet, lived his grandmother, a great-aunt with her fam-

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Serious, almost despairing, Miss Robcrtson said: "The tribe is supposed to have lots of money gained primarily through oil discoveries on reservation land, but the problems facing it are gigantic."

The teachers talked of the tribal council, and the way it "ignores conditions." Miss Robertson suggested that the Indians had been "pampered" too much by the government. It is doubtful that many Indians would agree with her, but it is an opinion held by other residents. They maintain that if the Indians were left alone to fare for themselves, they might eventually learn to get along. However, those with this vicw realize that it would not happen all at once. It took scores of years to make the Indians completely dependent, and it will take scores more to encourage them to desire self-reliance and the respect that goes with it! The problem is to get them started in that direction.

The teachers explained that Northern Plains tribes are ill-prepared to earn a living. Indians of these tribes were originally warriors and it is difficult for them to adopt the ways of farmers, cattle or sheep men or city dwellers. Attempts to relocate them must include consideration of these facts, or most will return to the reservation and the old way of life. The reservation's Rclocation Office is happily making progress in successfully relocating individuals and families. Thus, if a family wishes to better its lot — perhaps by a move to California — the man of the household can apply to the agency. An Indian family's move would be financed by the government, a house procured, and the family would continuc to receive welfare checks. A student receiving assistance has to promise to repay his loan if he doesn't finish school. The only hitch is how to see that this money is repaid if the person doesn't have it.

Hcalthwise, tuberculosis, kidney ailments and eye disorders are the most common physical disabilities among these Indians. The Legion Post has provided many of the Indian youngsters with badly needed glasses.

Since undertaking his initial efforts on behalf of these Indians, Capt. Atkins has had the satisfaction of seeing the start of many worthwhile projects. Welfare nurses in cooperation with Capt. Atkins have exacted a promise from the council to provide for eye examinations for all reservation children and to supply glasses to registered youngsters. Capt. Atkins is presently making arrangements to get glasses at a considerable discount from an out-of-state source for this purpose.

The unregistered children, those with a smaller percentage of Indian heritage, will be provided with glasses bought with money collected by Capt. Atkins at sevcral Air Base parties.

Many other projects such as these will be continued through the humanitarianism of Capt. Atkins and like-minded people who are working with him. Atkins is not a hero but merely one of many in the military who see a need and do something about it.

The return trip to the Base saw the bus occupants somber, tired and thoughtful. But as Capt. Atkins said: "I saw a few kids smile today. That made it worthwhile." Then he added: "I have not stopped yet.'

Since the completion of the Christmas project, he has indeed not stopped. Determined to clean up the unsavory conditions of the reservation, he says he will do so "even if I have to become an Indian Agent."

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press would have us believe, but "a prefabricated affair, teleguided from headquarters in communist Hanoi and Peiping. We should never forget," Suzanne Labin told American audiences, "that more than a million persons have fled from North to South Vietnam. There would have been millions more had the borders not been closed in brutal violation of the Geneva agreement dividing Vietnam. You must see to it that the blunders the great democracies made in China, then in Freneh Indoehina, are not repeated in South Vietnam."

I had met Suzanne Labin briefly when she was in the United States in 1959. But I was able to observe her in full action for the first time in December, 1960. It was a phenomenon not easily forgotten - a demonstration of what one dedieated and tireless woman, without money, without official support, despite the apathy of the press, could accomplish.

The occasion was the three-day International Conference on Political Warfare, in Paris: the first global gathering of "activists" in the struggle against communism, above national and party lines, ever staged. It was Suzanne Labin who had eoneeived and planned the enterprise; she who, almost singlehandedly and against heartbreaking odds, had mobilized the conclave.

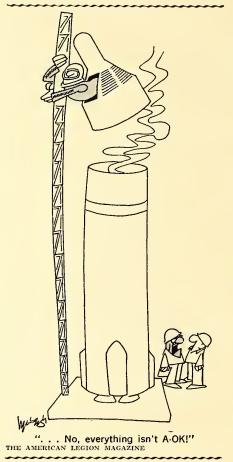
Some 400 delegates showed up-trade union leaders, Parliamentarians, writers, exile leaders from communist-eaptive countries, and others - mostly as individuals, some as spokesmen for organizations. About three-quarters were French, of course, but the rest came from 15 other countries and included ten Asians, six Africans, and a small American contingent. The whole spectrum of anti-eommunist thinking and feeling, from Right to Left, was represented, in a search for common ground against the common enemy.

Like others before her, Suzanne Labin had learned the hard way that the rich seem indifferent to their own peril. Her efforts to raise money for the conference had netted only \$2400. Undismayed, she had proceeded with the project on that shoestring. She obtained a meeting-hall, rent-free, and managed to borrow tape-recorders and erude simultaneous translation equipment. The delegates paid their own fares and expenses; in fact, on one oceasion when the shoestring gave out, they raised the needed franes by passing the hat at the conference.

The first session, held in the NATO auditorium, was opened with an address by Paul-Henri Spaak, then Secretary-General of NATO. Those who attended the sessions that followed, held in a

eramped and shabby Paris hall, heard speeches by dozens of the world's most stalwart and knowledgeable anti-eommunists. Among these were: French leaders like Mauriee Sehumann; the Viee President of West Germany's Bundestag, Riehard Jaeger; the Spanish philosopher, Salvador de Madariaga; a top official from South Vietnam; and Senators Dodd and Kenneth Keating.

Most of the participants were unknown to each other, but all of them



knew the gallant little Frenehwoman. She was the dominant figure throughout, the heart and soul of the gathering and, in terms of ideas, its brain as well. Her several appearances on the speaker's rostrum were inspirational and deadly serious, but always spiced with humor. In a keynote address she raised three slogans: (1) "Free men of all nations, unite!"; (2) "What is the use of filling our arms with weapons, if we let the enemy disarm our brains"; and (3) "Communism *must* kill freedom abroad, otherwise freedom will kill communism at home." These set the tone for much that followed.

Selections from the three days of oratory and argument appeared in book form a few months later, in French, under the title "Life or Death of the Free World." That, too, was made possible

only by Mme. Labin's exertions in editing the vast materials and raising the modest financing for publication. The Italian delegates had been so impressed that they took the initiative in staging a second such world conference, in Rome, a year later. Again it brought together some 400 men and women from all over the world, and again Suzanne Labin played a major role. If her efforts to that end bear fruit, the most important of this series of worldwide eonsultations will be held in the United States.

What she envisages, ultimately, is a permanent worldwide organization not unlike the Asian People's Anti-Communist League in its own area, Slowly, painfully, that sort of global counterforce to eommunism may be taking shape. The faet that thus far it has received not the slightest encouragement or aid from the great democratic governments gives point to something I heard her say at the Hotel Commodore seminar:

"The most important thing to stop the spread of eommunism is not help for underdeveloped eountries in the East but help for underdeveloped minds in the West."

Suzanne Andrée Devoyon was born in a slum district of Paris, one of four ehildren in a desperately poor family. Both parents were factory workers, but the father eeased to contribute early and the whole burden fell on the mother. Though she labored literally day and night, they often knew the bitter taste of hunger.

She was a blonde doll, this Suzanne - only two feet high at the age of six - but remarkably pretty and bright. Mother Devoyon was determined that her daughter get an education. Luckily, the girl easily won scholarships, though they came to little enough, and in due time she entered the Sorbonne.

She had been brought up in the revolutionary traditions of the French working elass. Devoyon forebears took part in the Paris Commune of 1871, and her mother was active in the semi-anarchist French Union movement at the turn of the eentury. At an age when other girls were stuffing on romantie novels, Suzanne was ehewing on Marx and Engels.

It was then the Popular Front period. On the eampus, polities all but drowned out learning. Suzanne Devoyon threw herself into the student fight against profascist groups. From the first, however, she was repelled by the unfair and immoral taeties of the eampus communists and refused to join their organizations. In time, she found herself fighting both extremes.

One evening, Suzanne was cornered in a dark Sorbonne corridor by an ex-

cited "fascist" brigade bent on beating up its opponents. In the nick of time an "anti-fascist" squadron came to her rescue. The young man who headed the rescue party claimed the spoils of victory - he steered the tiny blonde to a cafe on Boulevard Saint-Michel and never let her go again. Edouard Labin was his name - tall, fair-haired and handsome, the son of a relatively wellto-do intellectual family, he was complcting his studies in physics.

Edouard, at the time they met, had been a Young Communist and had resigned in disgust. Their common dislike of the booming ideology helped the courtship, which led within a few months to a student marriage. They compared and solemnly discussed their political views down the line, and ended by renouncing Marxism. They joined a moderate non-Marxist faction of the Socialist Party (roughly equivalent to liberalism in Anglo-Saxon countries), to which they still adhere.

The young husband took his degree in science and went on to a successful career in electronics; in recent years he has specialized in automation. Suzanne, by the time she obtained her Master's degree in chemistry and physiology at Sorbonne, decided that her real interests were in the social sciences. With Edouard's consent, she enrolled in the famous Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sociales et Internationales.

One of the professors, the famous historian Charles Seignobos, proposed that for her Master's thesis she undertake a study in depth of living standards in leading countries, among these the Soviet Union. This, she has said, proved to be a turning point in her political and scholarly career. She had rejected communism for moral reasons, but went along with the widespread belief that the Soviet system, for all its faults, was bringing benefits to the Russian workers. Now, delving into the facts, she was soon disillusioned on this score.

After graduating with honors, she continued research on Soviet Russia. Her first two articles based on this work were promptly accepted and published by leading Paris magazines and led to a request for a book by a top publisher. Her course was set - she would be a political writer, with a searching, uninhibited book on Russia as the immediate goal.

But the war intervened, Edouard went into the army. Suzanne fled to Vichy as the Germans advanced. There her husband, having been demobilized, joined her before long. Together they worked in a Resistance group which attained fame under the name "Reseau du Musée de l'Homme"-their underground services are mentioned in the two books about this period by André Weill Curiel. Edouard's skills in the electronics field were especially useful in procuring and setting up secret radio transmitters.

Because of treason within the group. however, the Labins soon had to flee for their lives. Pierre Laval himself signed the order for their interception and arrest. But they succeeded, after a series of close escapes, in reaching Spain and from there went on to Argentina. In all these flights, the Labins sacrificed their wardrobes and other belongings in order to rescue two trunkloads of Suzanne's research materials and manuscripts—the makings of her planned book.

They joined the Buenos Aires section of General de Gaulle's movement. Edouard established an electronics laboratory, one of the first in South America, and later also taught physics at the University of Buenos Aires. Suzanne wrote articles on literature and philosophy for La Nacion and other leading Latin American publications, and worked on her book. It was completed about the time the war ended a profound, carefully documented, brutally realistic assessment of communism in practice.

The publishing house that had asked for the book was gone with the winds of war. Suzanne Labin sent the bulky manuscript to one prominent publisher after another, only to get it back. Nearly 30 publishers in France, England and the United States turned it down on the ground that her portrayal of Stalin and his system was too extreme, too emotional, in short "too anti-Soviet." was discovering how deeply the illusions about communism had taken root in the West during the war years.

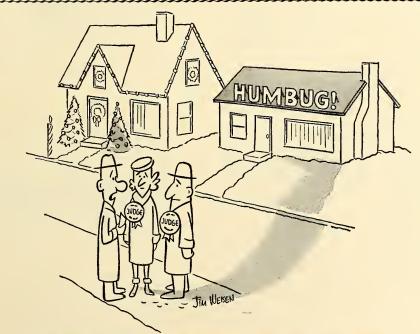
Meanwhile, the Labins had returned to Paris, There, in 1948, the book finally was published, under the title "Stalin the Terrible: a Panorama of Soviet Russia."

In quick succession, translations appeared in Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese and Chinese; the London edition carried an enthusiastic preface by Arthur Koest-

The book was widely hailed as a definitive work of scholarship and acute insight and, as was to be expected, drew fierce attacks from pro-Soviet quarters. In a foreword to the volume, the author defended the moral passion she had brought to the writing. In dealing with the monstrous truths about communism, she argued, she was under no moral obligation to conceal her sense of horror. "I claim," she wrote, "that I have studied communism with total objectivity and that this very objectivity leads me to a total condemnation. I am objective but not neutral.'

The evolution of this woman's thought and attitudes thereafter, seems to me fascinating. Space limitations, however, allow only a summary statement. Suffice that her study of communism turned her to search for antidotes to its poisons, and gradually the scholar evolved into an anti-communist activist, the analyst into a fervid crusader.

Her articles and lectures increasingly explored the nature of freedom, as well as its weaknesses, failures and inhibitions in meeting the totalitarian challenge. She developed these ideas in a book first published in Paris in 1954 and two years later, under the title "The Secret of Democracy," in New York. Then, in 1957, came her book, "Freedom for the Murderers of Freedom." The question it raised was whether democracy is really compelled, by its principles, to commit suicide by guaranteeing freedom to those plotting to obliterate freedom. The answer was an incisive No!



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Mme, Labin cut through the haze of sophisms and semantics to prove that democracies have not only the moral duty but the juridical right to suppress communist and other totalitarian organizations. The conclusion was not new, but coming from a prominent liberal, it attracted immense attention and touched off passionate debate. The book won the French "Liberty Award."

Embodied in this work was the author's "Civic Code," a clear formulation in practical, legal terms of society's obligation to outlaw those committed to its enslavement. Since it threatened their most important advantage — their right to organize freely—the communists were thoroughly alarmed by the Civic Code. The mouthpiece of their Party, l'Humanite, attacked in fury and so did the Soviet press.

While she was attending a meeting of the Pen Club in Tokyo, Suzanne Labin received invitations from their governments to visit and lecture in South Vietnam and Taiwan (Formosa). This led to the first of four extensive tours of the Far East in as many years. She met all the anti-communist leaders and, with a scholar's zeal, learned about the peoples and the problems in the area. By this time she is the Westerner best known and most admired by Asians seriously fighting the communist plague.

Among the literary products of her deepening concern with Asia is the book which was published in America in 1959 as "The Anthill." It is a closeup and devastating account of life in Red China. based on systematic interviews with dozens of Chinese refugees in Hong Kong and Macao, carefully selected to provide a true cross section of the country's people.

When the Fourth French Republic fell and General de Gaulle came to power, June 1, 1958, a commission was set up to edit a new Constitution, Suzanne Labin saw in this an opportunity to put her Civic Code into law. She launched a remarkable campaign for that purpose and fought fiercely, often working 'round the clock, through friends on the commission and through the press, L'Humanité thundered against what it called the "Mollet-Labin Civic Code" and others railed against "the de Gaulle-Labin Constitution." Telephone calls warned Suzanne Labin that she would be assassinated if she didn't desist. She didn't-and the campaign was successful.

Article IV of the new Constitution guarantees the free functioning of all political parties — provided the goals and methods are democratic and they are not subservient to a foreign power. This was the substance of the Labin Civic Code. Unfortunately, de Gaulle, for reasons of his own, has as yet failed to apply this provision, but the continued existence of the French Communist Party is today

clearly in violation of the Constitution.

In her writings and speeches all over the world, during the last five or six years, Suzanne Labin's emphasis has been increasingly on the urgent need to engage in political-psychological warfare. While concentrating on military defenses, she points out, the free nations remain in effect unilaterally disarmed in the decisive non-military areas. Endlessly she warns that our world is doomed to defeat by default, unless it finally develops political strategy and tactics on a scale for victory in the cold war.

This was the crucial warning she was



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eager to project in London in June, 1959, when leading people from 15 member nations met to mark the tenth anniversary of NATO. The conference was opened with great pomp by Queen Elizabeth. As a member of the French delegation, Mme, Labin had herself designated to report on Soviet propaganda, though the subject was not on the original agenda.

She had come prepared for the assignment and worked feverishly on the completion of an ambitious, documented and closely reasoned paper: *The Techniques of Soviet Propaganda*. It not only disclosed the startling dimensions and vast diversity of the red political offensive, but sketched a free-world counteroffensive. Appeasement-minded elements which dominated the proceedings, having gotten wind of the nature of her contribution, tried by pressure and intrigue to silence her.

But she succeeded in reading her report into the record and it was generally acknowledged as the high point of the London meeting. More than that: with the help of an influential American participant, General David Sarnoff, she proposed and forced the adoption of a reso-

lution asking NATO to create special machinery for dealing with propaganda, subversion and other non-military types of communist aggression.

The resolution languishes in NATO files, ignored. But the effect of the Labin paper on world opinion has been considerable. Issued in pamphlet form by the U.S. Senate Committee on Internal Security, it has sold over 150,000 copies. This makes it, by a wide margin, the committee's alltime best-seller. Tens of thousands more copies were distributed by the "Committee of One Million," the American group opposing recognition of Rcd China. In expanded form, Mme. Labin also published it as a book, titled "Il Est Moins Cinq."

Her activities have been so multifarious that they cannot be recounted here in full. Let me just cite one episode typical of her dynamic response to events:

When the Hungarian people suddenly rose in revolt, she wrote at once a vibrant and now famous appeal for support of the Freedom Fighters. In days and sleepless nights on the telephone, she and her husband obtained hundreds of prominent signatures for the appeal. The literary paper "Figaro" was moved to provide her with secretaries and telephones, others volunteered help, and soon the list of signers grew to 3,500, among them virtually all the outstanding writers, artists and opinion leaders of France.

Whatever the challenge – Hungary, Cuba, Katanga, Red China, Vietnam – this diminutive blonde has been in the forefront of enterprises to stem the tide of communism. Edouard Labin has worked with her, always in the background; though his income is moderate, he has footed the bills for most of her activities and travels.

In America, too, Suzanne Labin has become a familiar name to militant anticommunists. During her first visit here. in 1959, she was asked for her impressions of the American people. Her answer: "They are what everybody abroad believes they are not: a highly cultivated people; and they are not what everybody abroad believes they are: an anti-communist nation." In her most recent visit she gladly revised the last part of that aphorism. The American people, she felt, were finally coming awake to the crowding menace of communism. If the awareness can be turned into world leadership on policy, she believes, communism can still be defeated.

What is needed, as Suzanne Labin sees it, is "a sacred union of all free men against communism," whatever their differences on other issues. The political struggle against the Moscow-Peiping axis and its worldwide apparatus of conflict must be given unquestioned priority. "Let us hear among us," she pleads, "the old cry of the besieged: *Unite or perish!*"





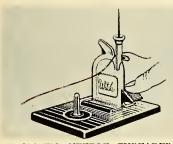
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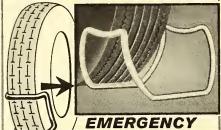
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Herm Albright

AS PER INSTRUCTIONS

Getting up from the table, the girl answered the doorbell.

"Look, Willie," she frowned at the young fellow on the front steps, "didn't I tell you to come after dinner?"

"Of course!" replied her puzzled date. "And that's just exactly what I came after."

HAL CHADWICK

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"Farm products sure cost a lot more than they used to," the city visitor complained to the local farmer.

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"Yes, sir," declared the native, "we are sure proud of our sheriff. A real rugged fellow. Wears a badge on his chest all the time."

"That don't seem so especially tough to me," said the stranger.

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I clearly recall an oath I took In a small secInded inn,

That when your hair had turned to gray Our love would just begin.

And now that time has called my bluff, I admit — with some chagrin —

The years have flown; I love you still; But your hair has turned to skin.

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THE LANGE ECONOMY SIZE
Fruit that is "packaged" is not my dish;
It gets my nanny-goat when
To get the single apple I wish
I gotta buy ten.

NEED FOR RE-VISION
To supermarkets my advice
Is plain, and they should heed it;
It would be nice to mark the price
On cans of soup, beans, corn or rice,
So I could read it.

COLD IS WHERE YOU FIND IT
How come that frozen food always goes in
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Go ahead and crow ... you can always eat it.

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We're licked, and we might as well face it. There's no sense in making a fuss About keeping up with the Jones'es! We can't even keep up with Us.

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"I guess if they really were going to take me home they'd have been here by now."

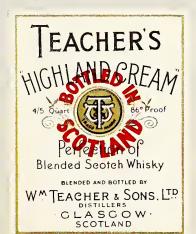


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